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Wampire Bund
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DANCE IN THE VAMPIRE BUND

14

NOZOMU TAMAKI

Ne me bannissez point de votre souvenir ;

Et, puisque mon trépas conserve votre gloire,

Pour vous en revanche conservez ma mémoire,

Et dites quelquefois, en déplorant mon sort :

« Si ne m'avait aimée, il ne serait pas mort. »

Banish me not from your remembrance.

Since my doom preserves your honor,

to recompense yourself for this, preserve my memory

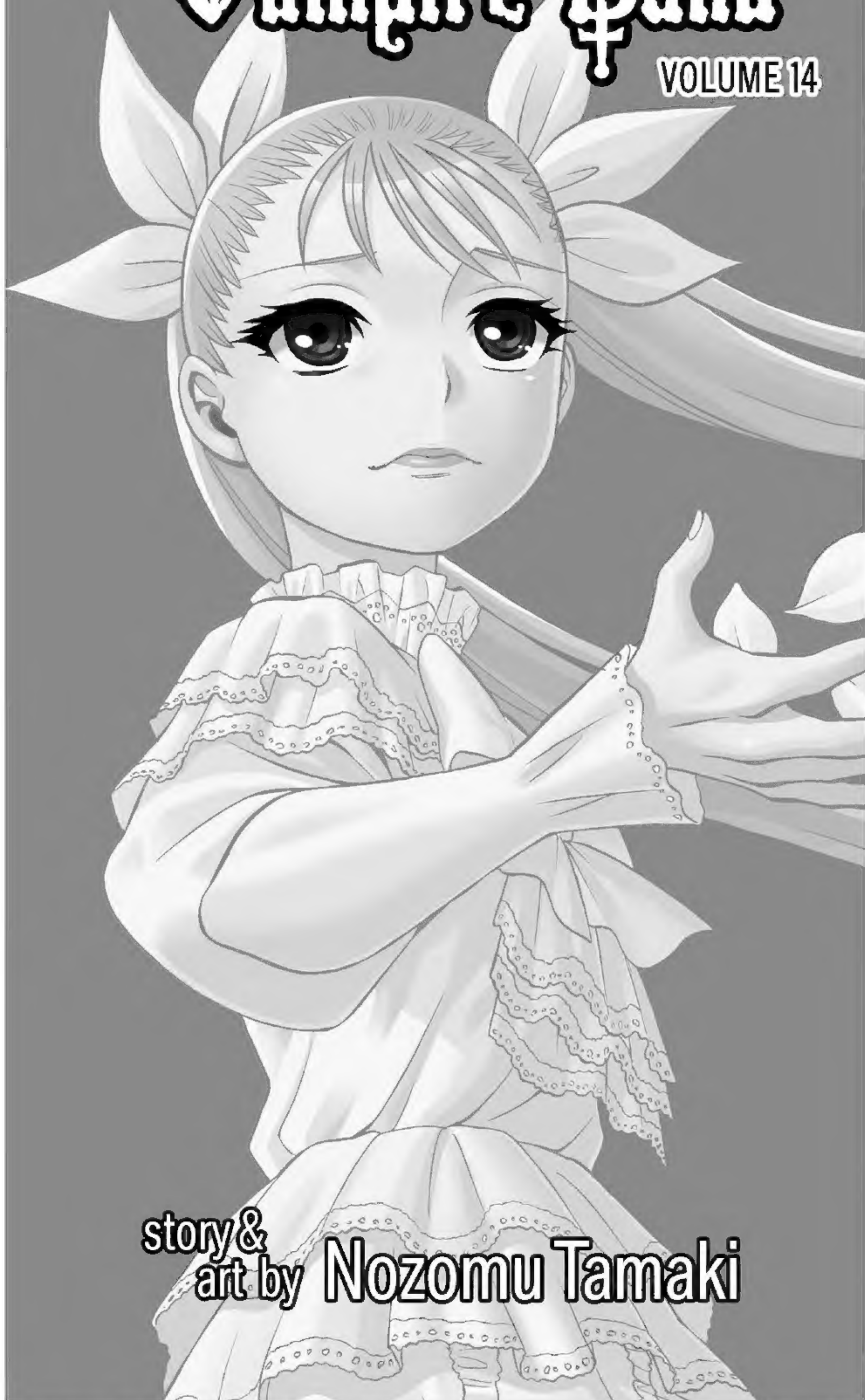
and say sometimes when deploring my fate,

“Had he not loved me, he would not have died.”

Corneille, Le Cid, V.7

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If this is your first time reading manga, you start
reading from the top right panel on each page and
take it from there. If you get lost, just follow the
numbered diagram here. It may seem backwards
at first, but you'll get the hang of it! Have fun!!





THE
FLOWER
IS
GONE.

SOME-
ONE
BROKE
IT OFF.

OH
NO...!



WHO
WOULD DO
SUCH A
TERRIBLE
THING?

AND I
HAD
JUST
GOTTEN
IT TO
BLOOM!



AND...
WHY?



.....





Chapter 76: A Long-Ago Promise



WHEN I DID, IT FELL OFF. HERE, I SHALL RETURN IT TO YOU.

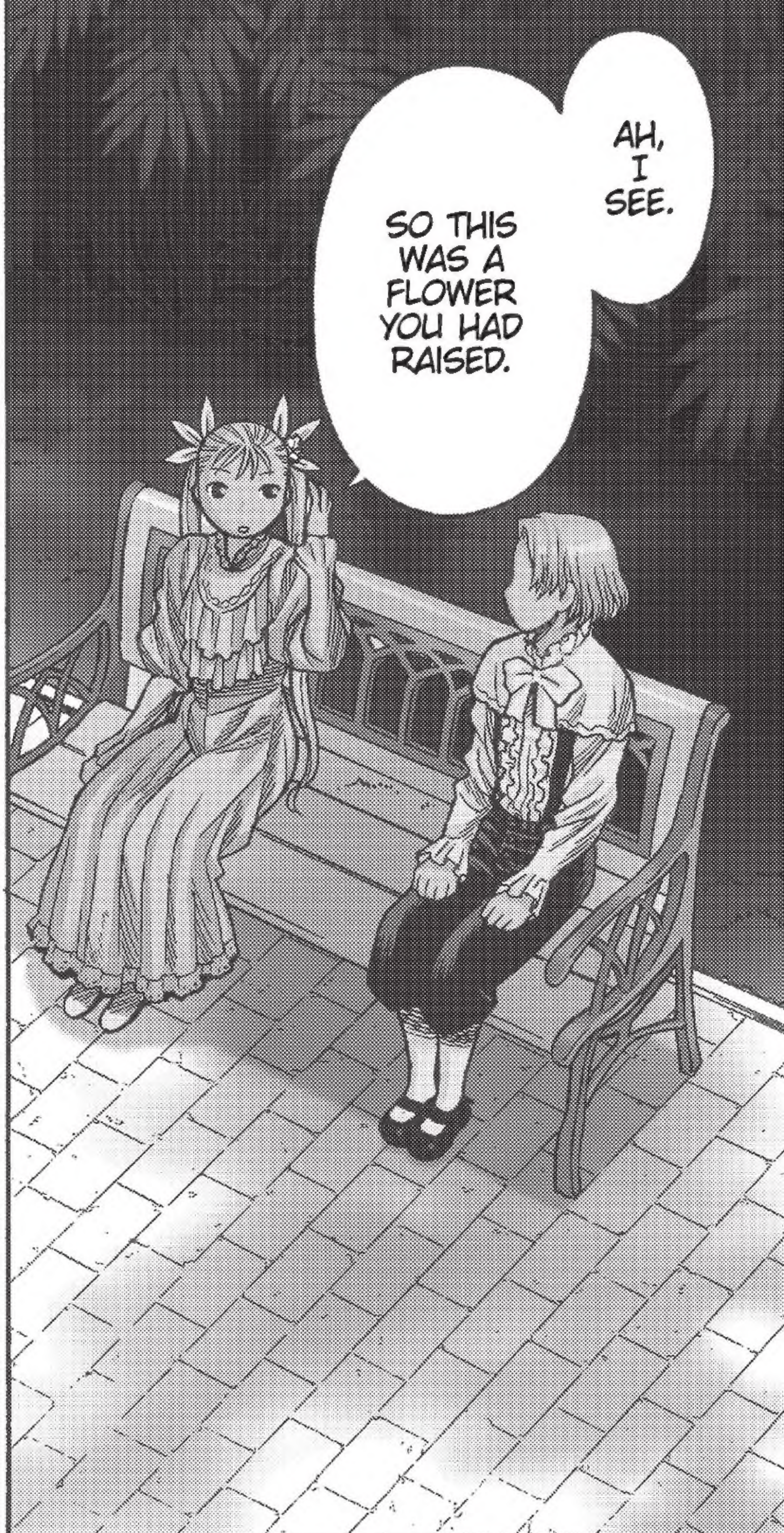
MY APOLOGIES. I HAVE DONE AN UNFORTUNATE THING. IT WAS SO LOVELY, I COULD NOT HELP BUT TOUCH IT.



IT, AH...

NO, NO!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! PLEASE, KEEP IT!



SO THIS WAS A FLOWER YOU HAD RAISED.

AH, I SEE.

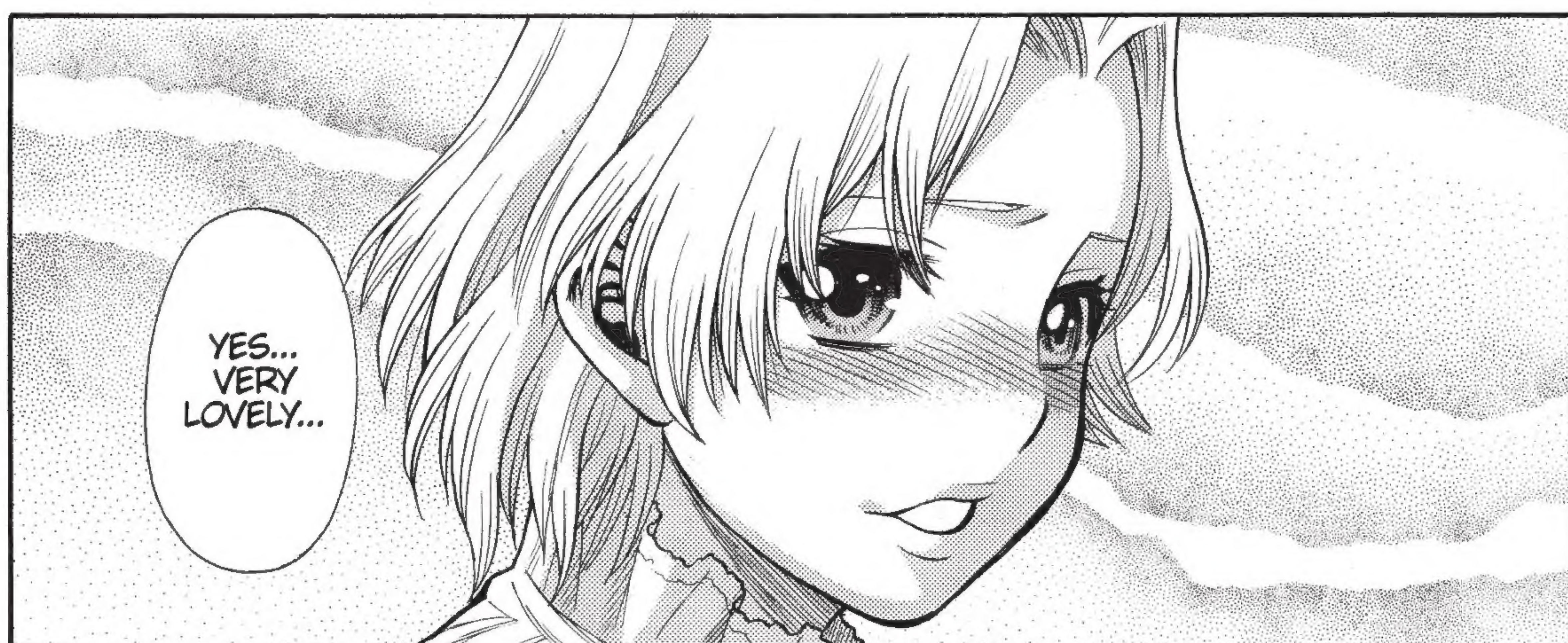
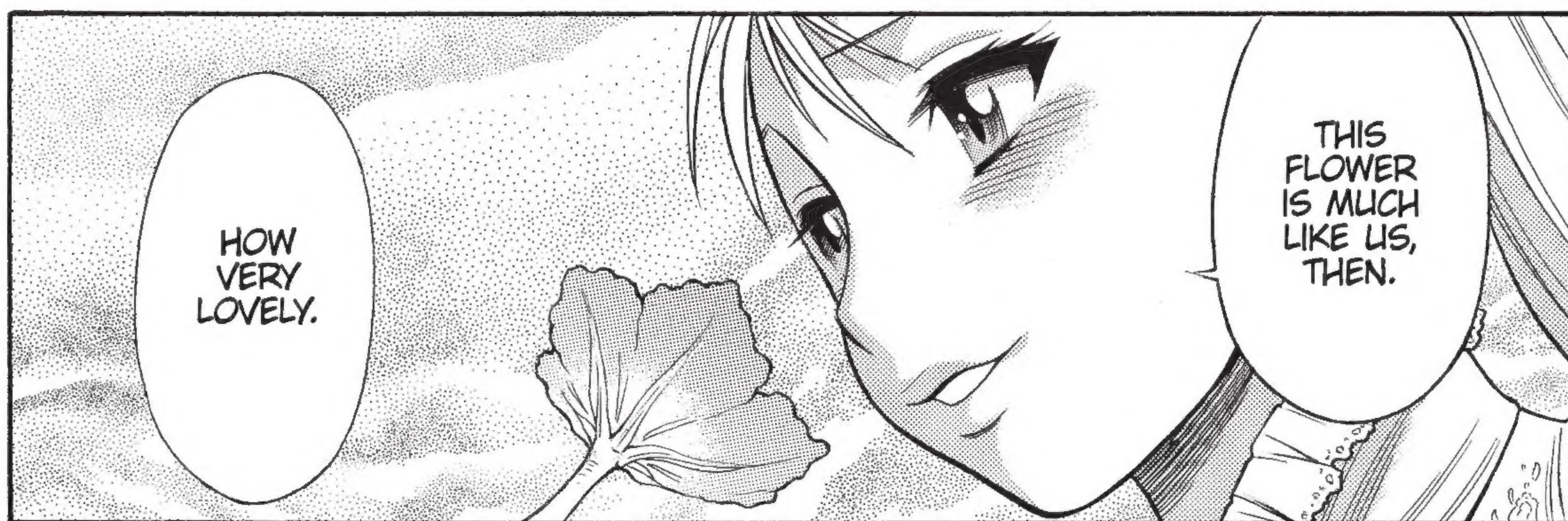
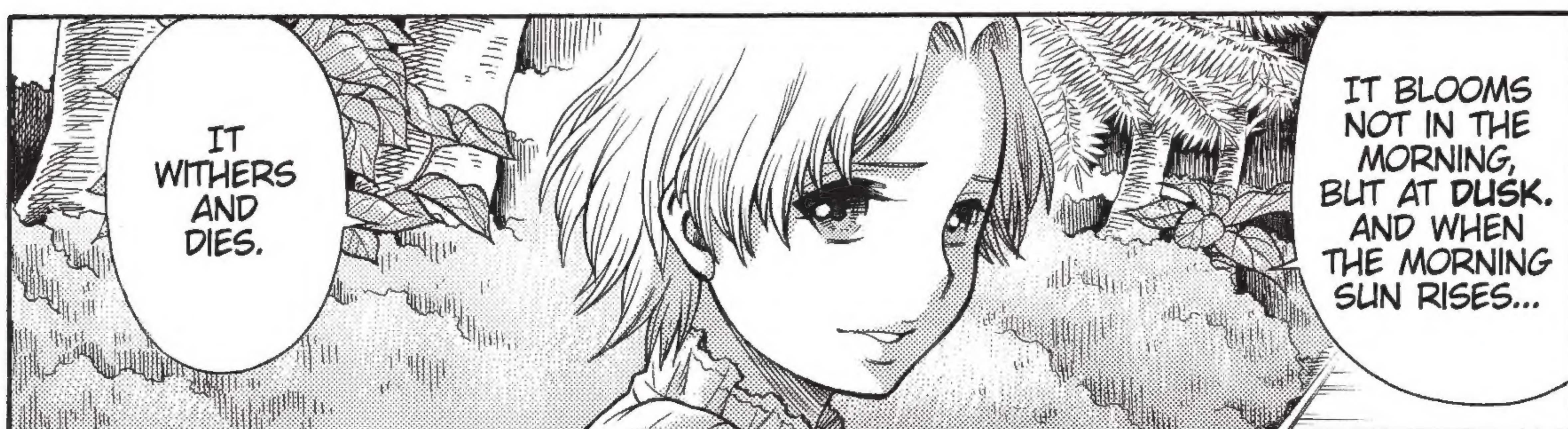


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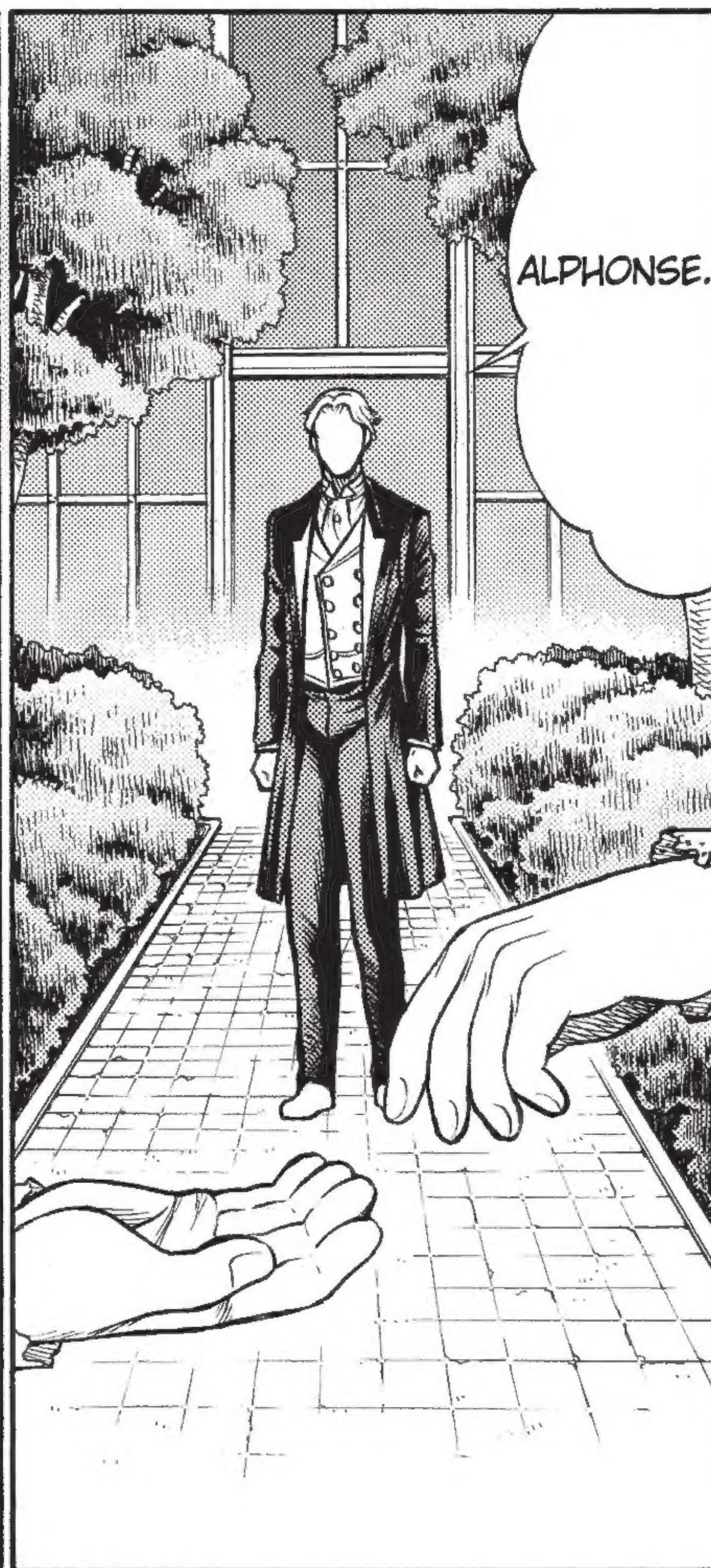
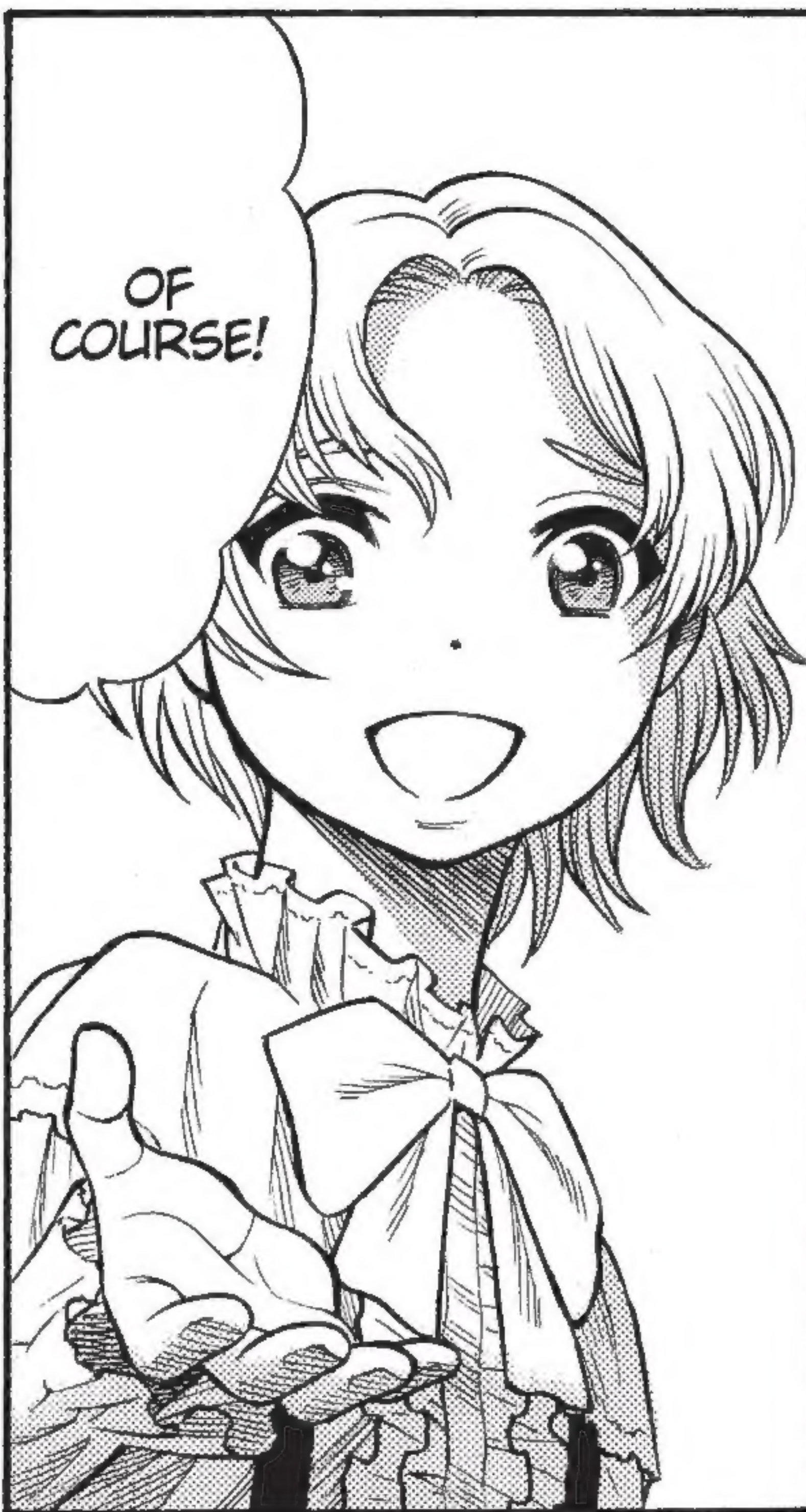
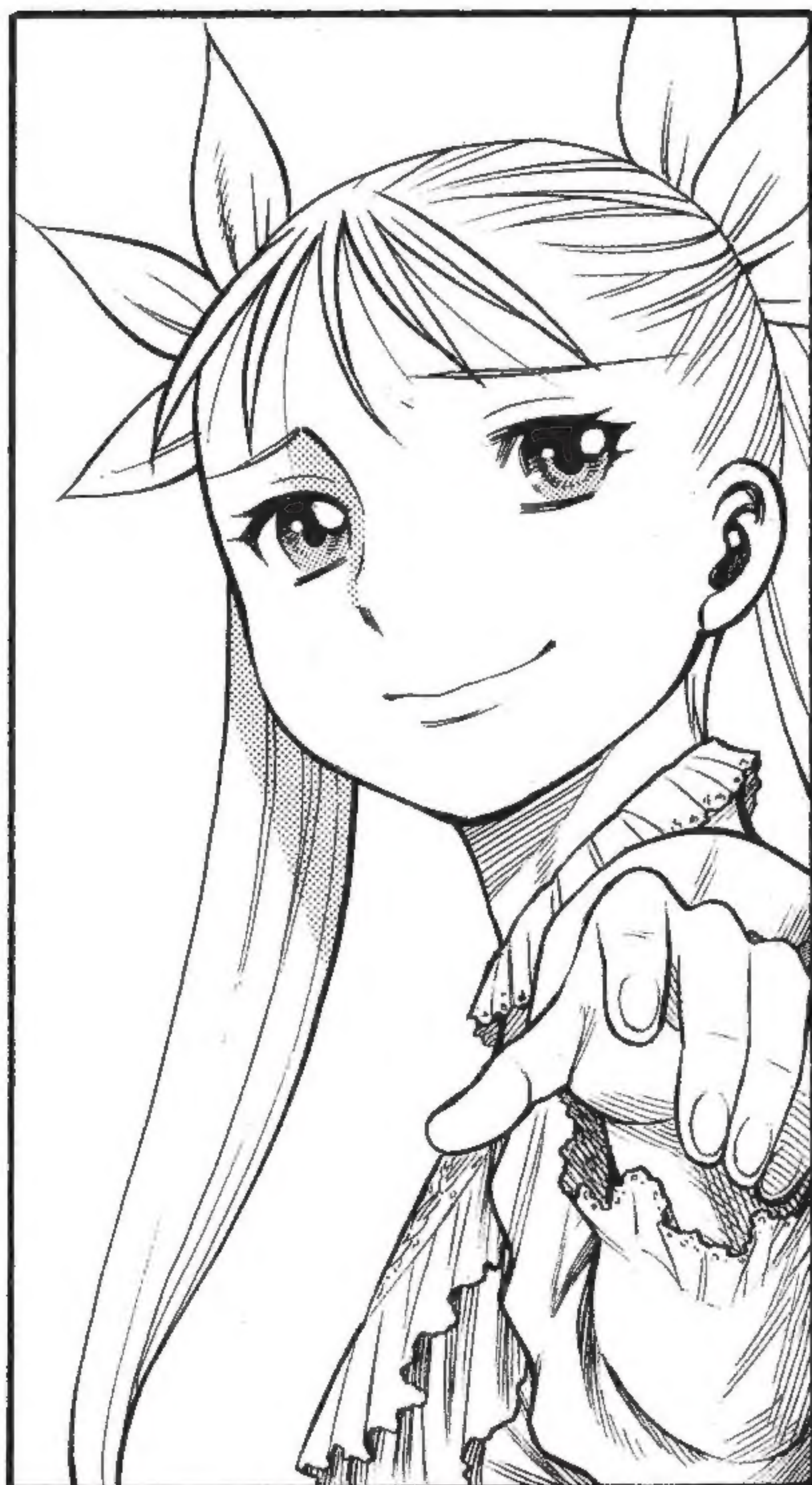
SO YOUNG, AND YET YOU ARE ALREADY SKILLED AT MAKING A LADY SMILE.



IT LOOKS VERY PRETTY ON YOU.



*The yuugao flower is commonly called the moonflower. It is known for its night-blooming white flowers.
**Cipangu is an archaic name for Japan, taken from the diaries of Marco Polo.

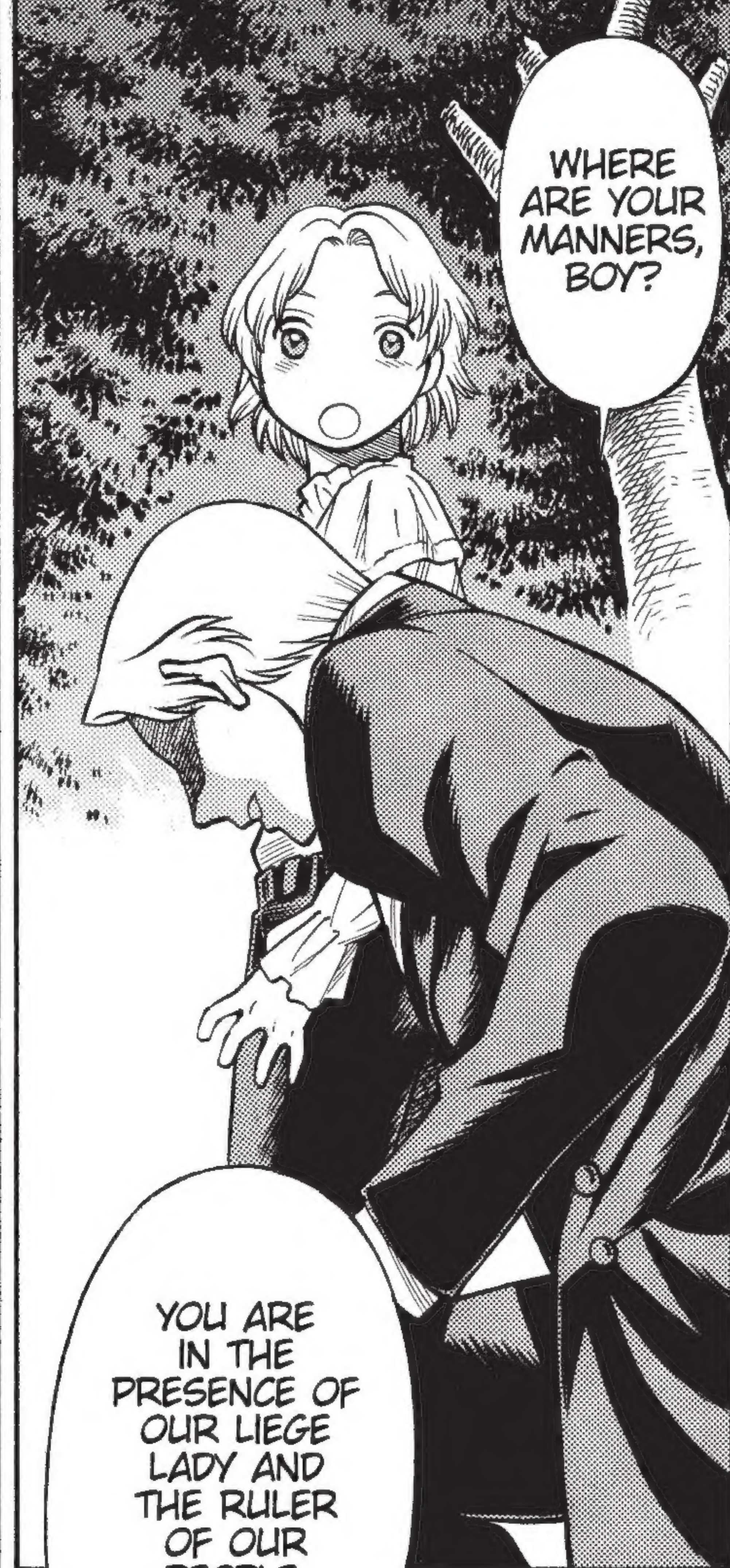




MINA...

TEPES
?!

TEPES...



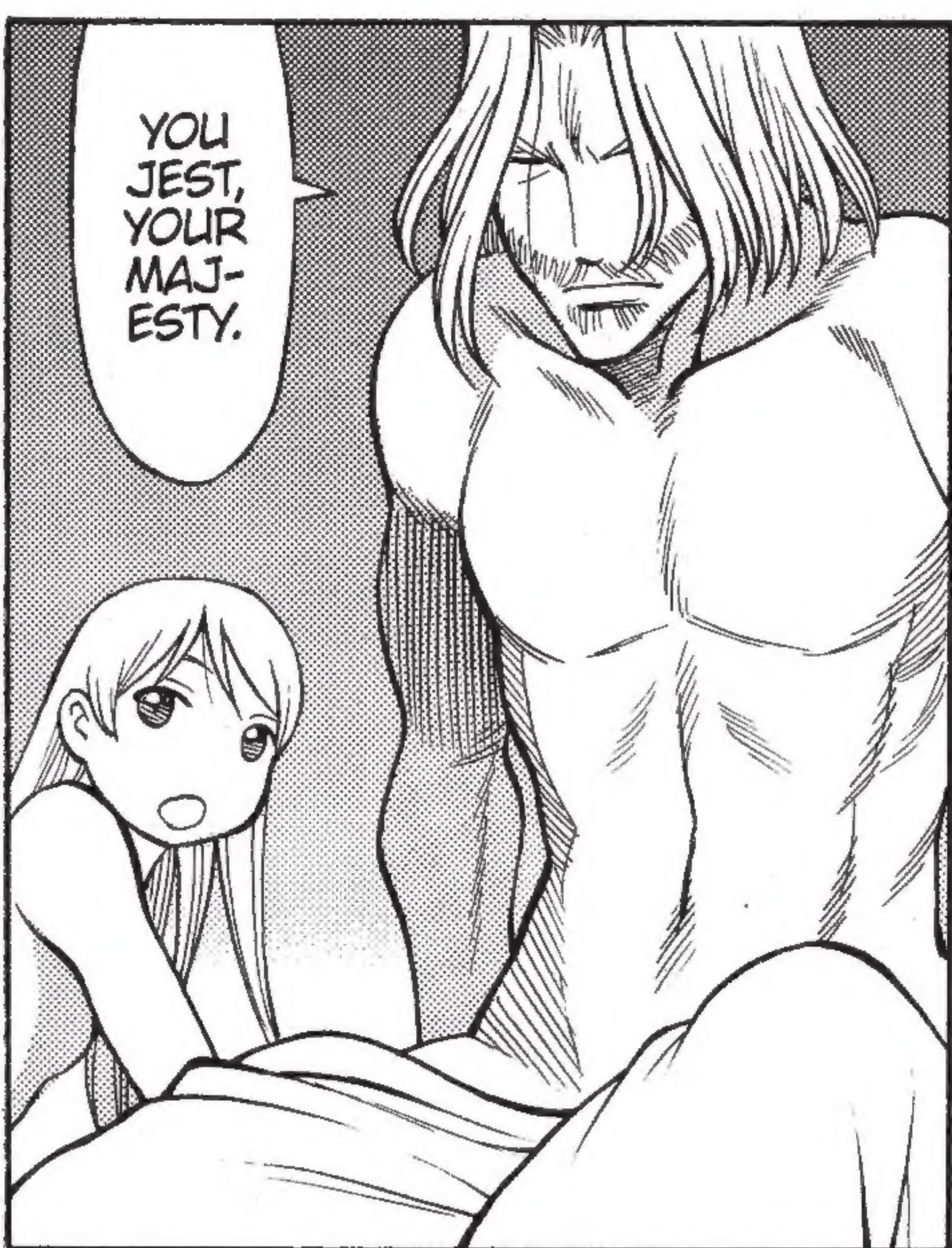
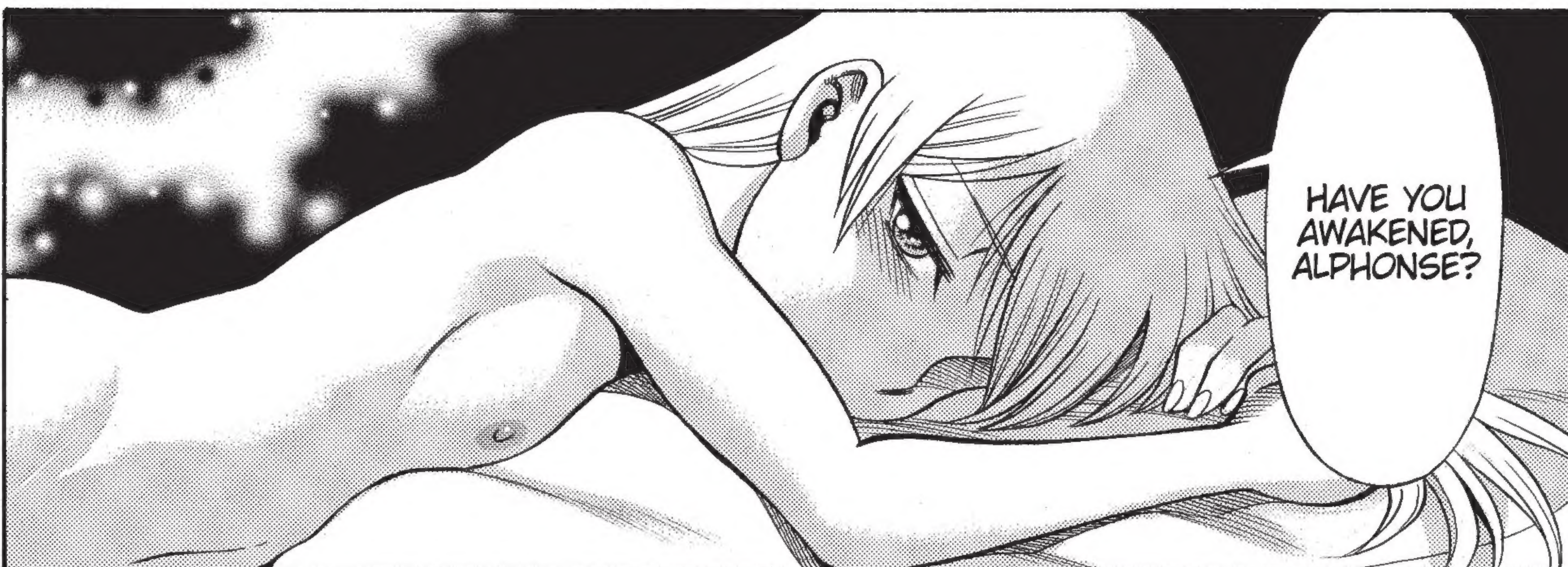
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ARE YOUR
MANNERS,
BOY?

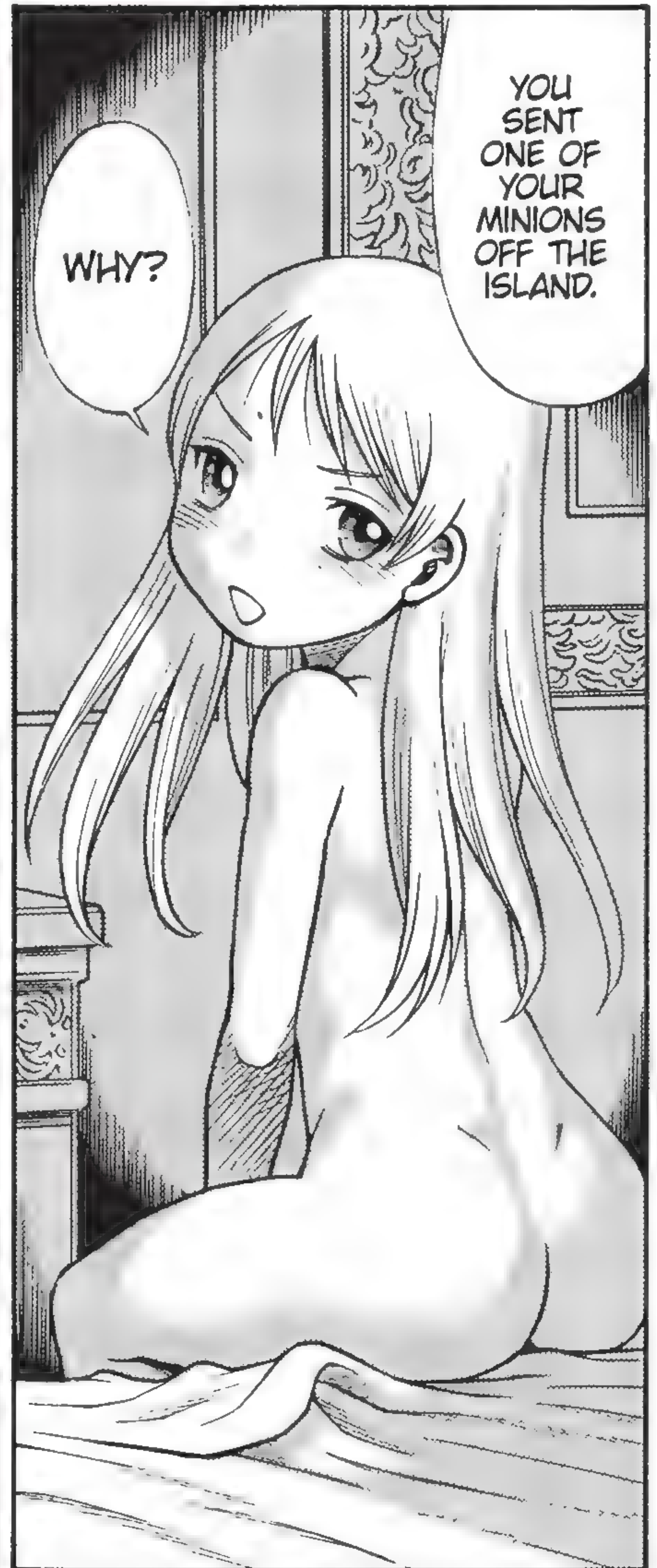
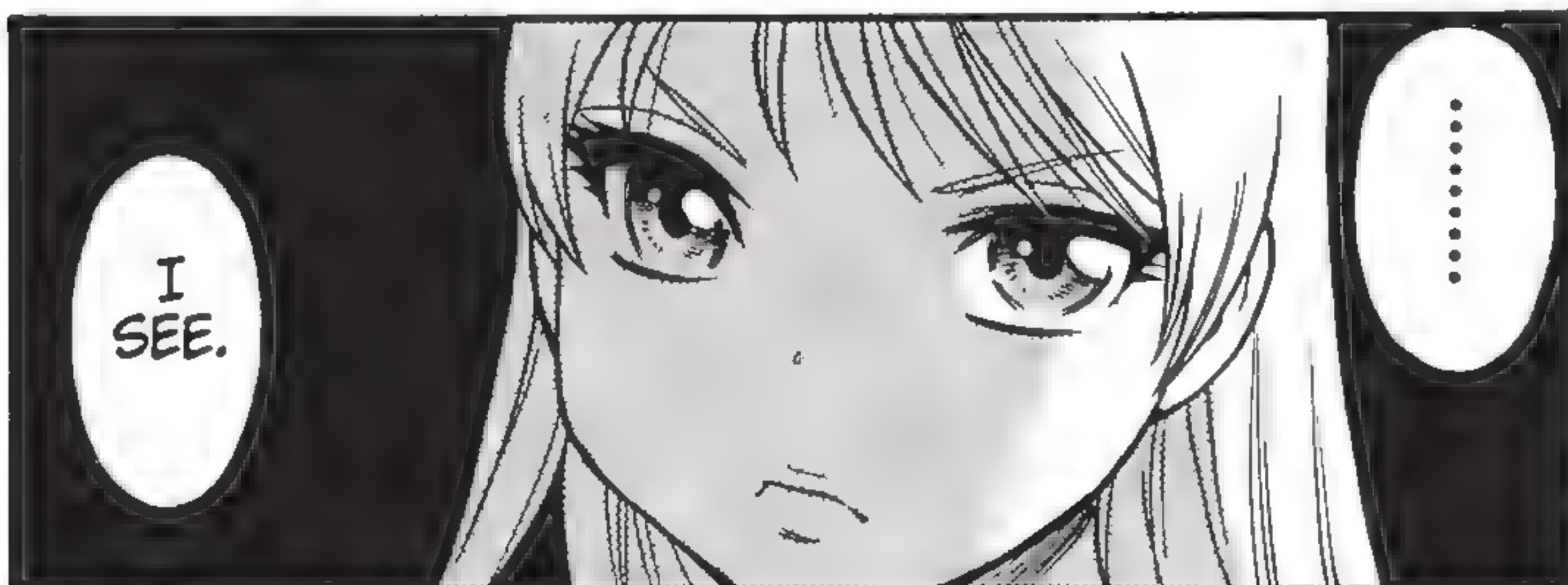
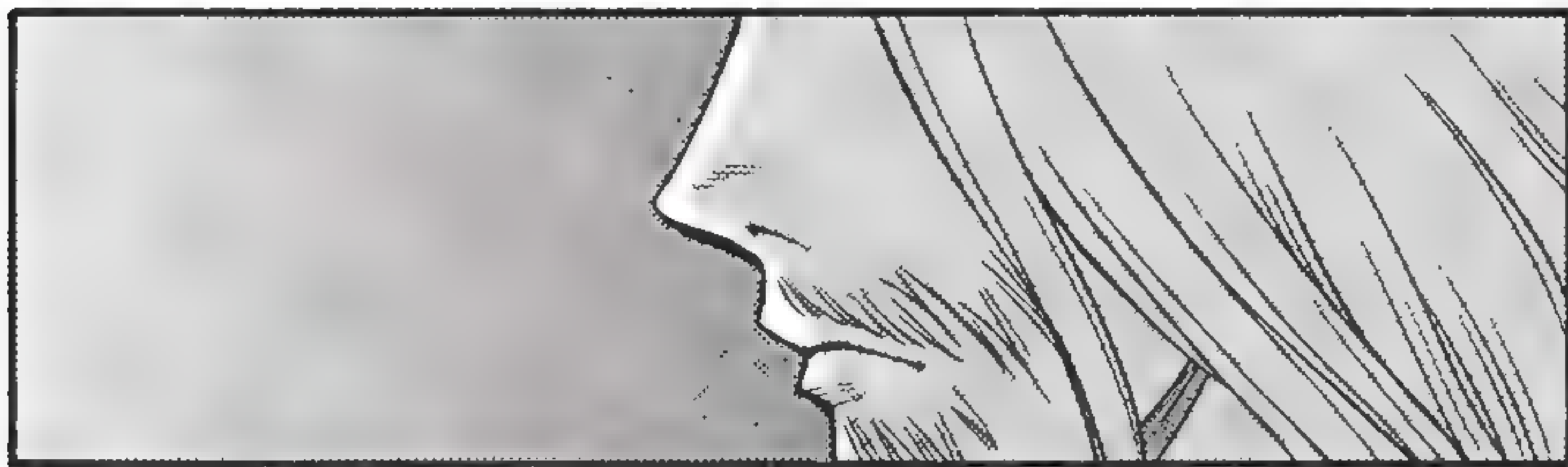
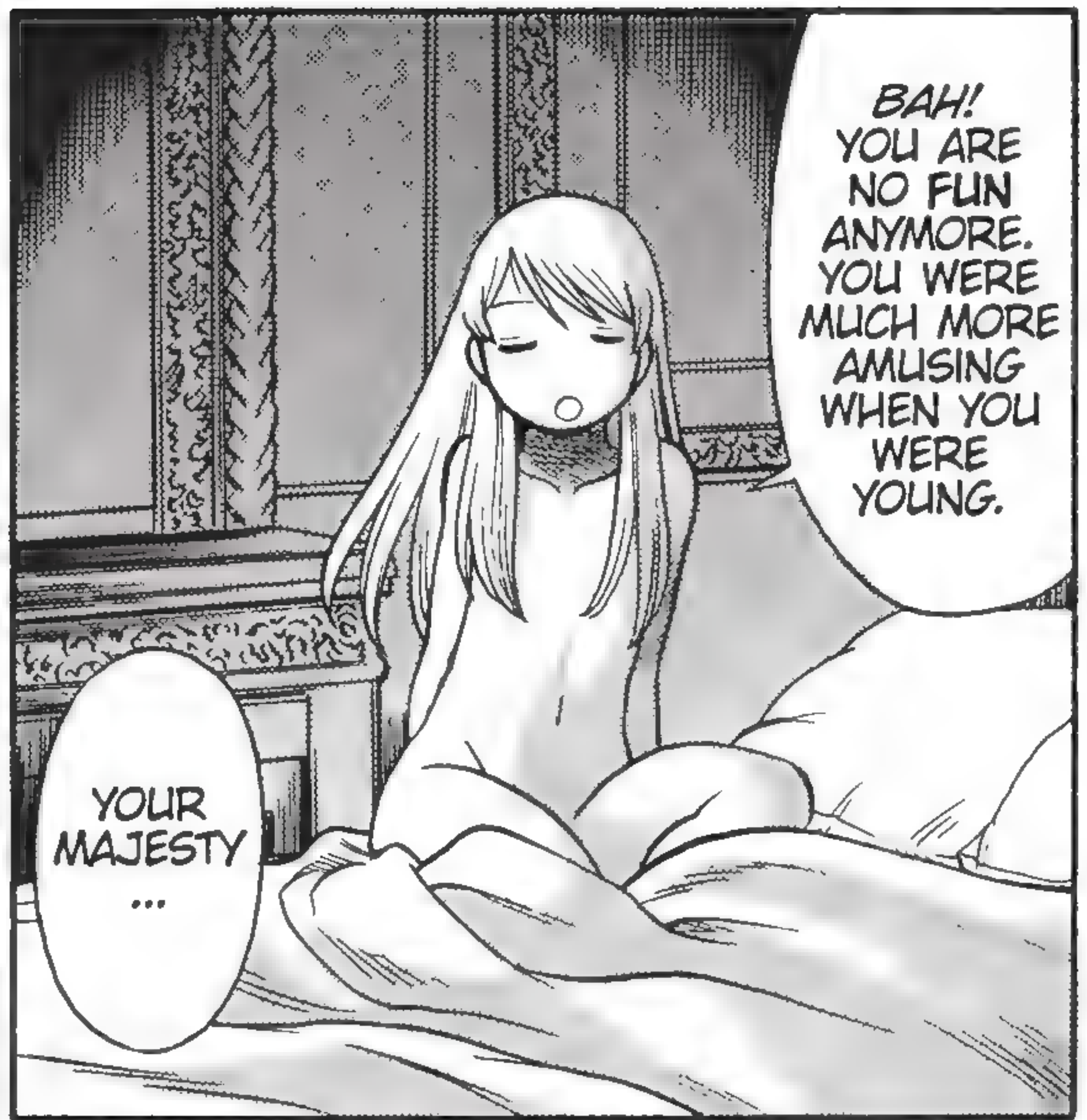
YOU ARE
IN THE
PRESENCE OF
OUR LIEGE
LADY AND
THE RULER
OF OUR
PEOPLE,
QUEEN MINA
TEPES.



WHA
...?

YOU'RE
MINA...

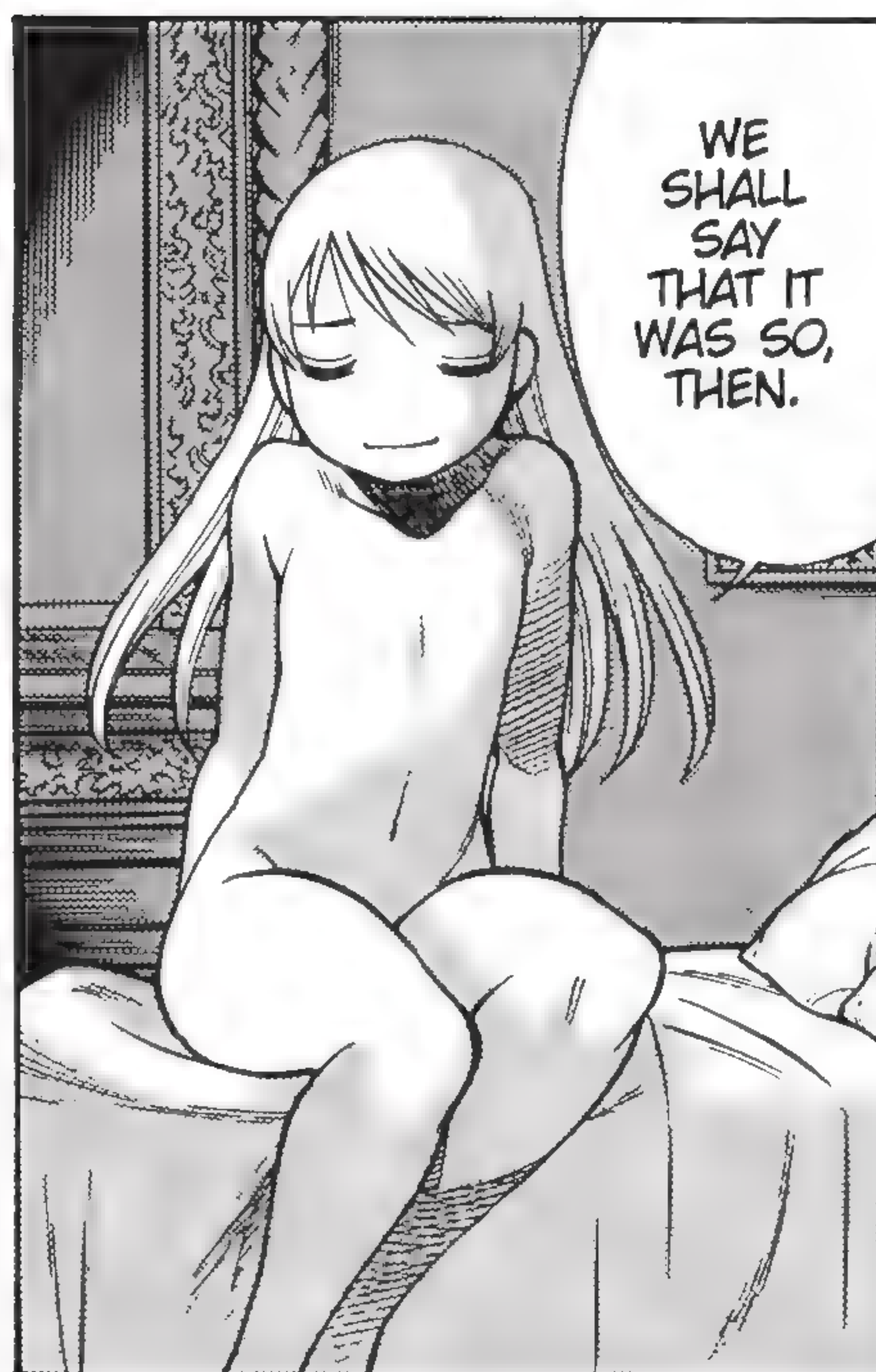




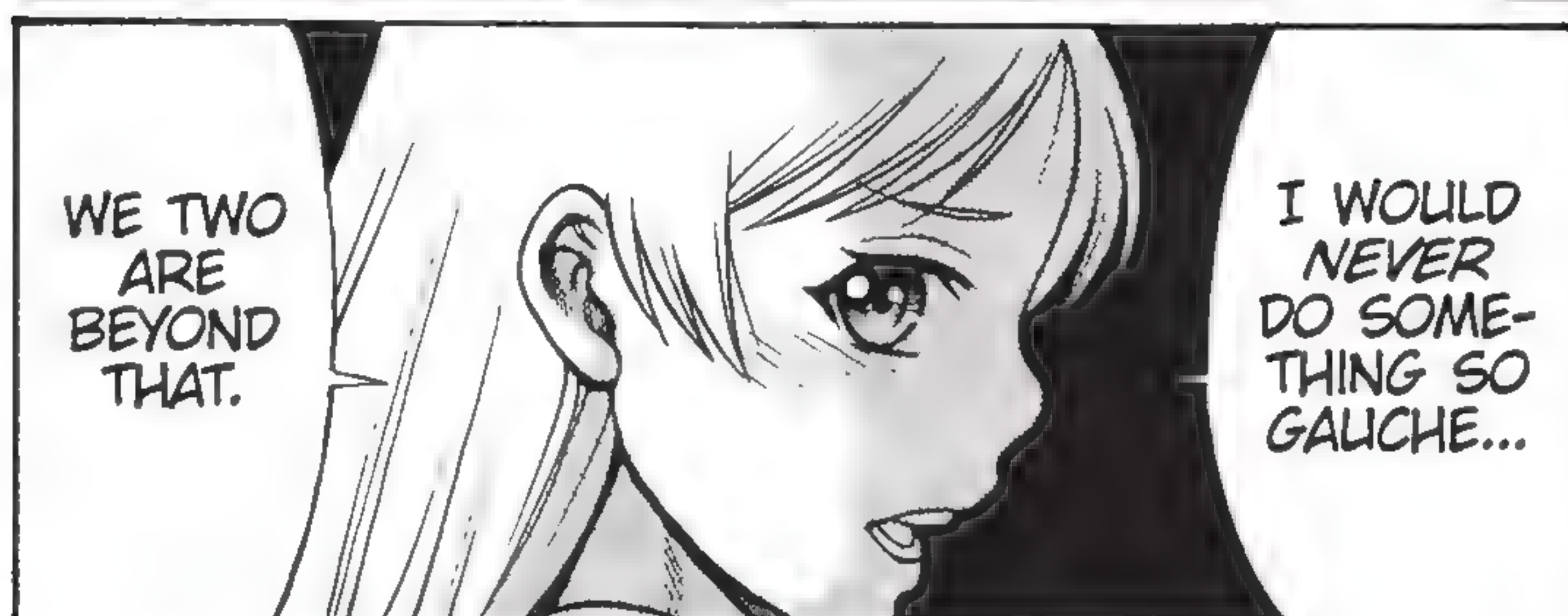


I
MUST
OBEY.

IF YOU
WISH
TO KNOW,
YOU
COULD
SIMPLY
ORDER
ME TO
TALK.



WE
SHALL
SAY
THAT IT
WAS SO,
THEN.



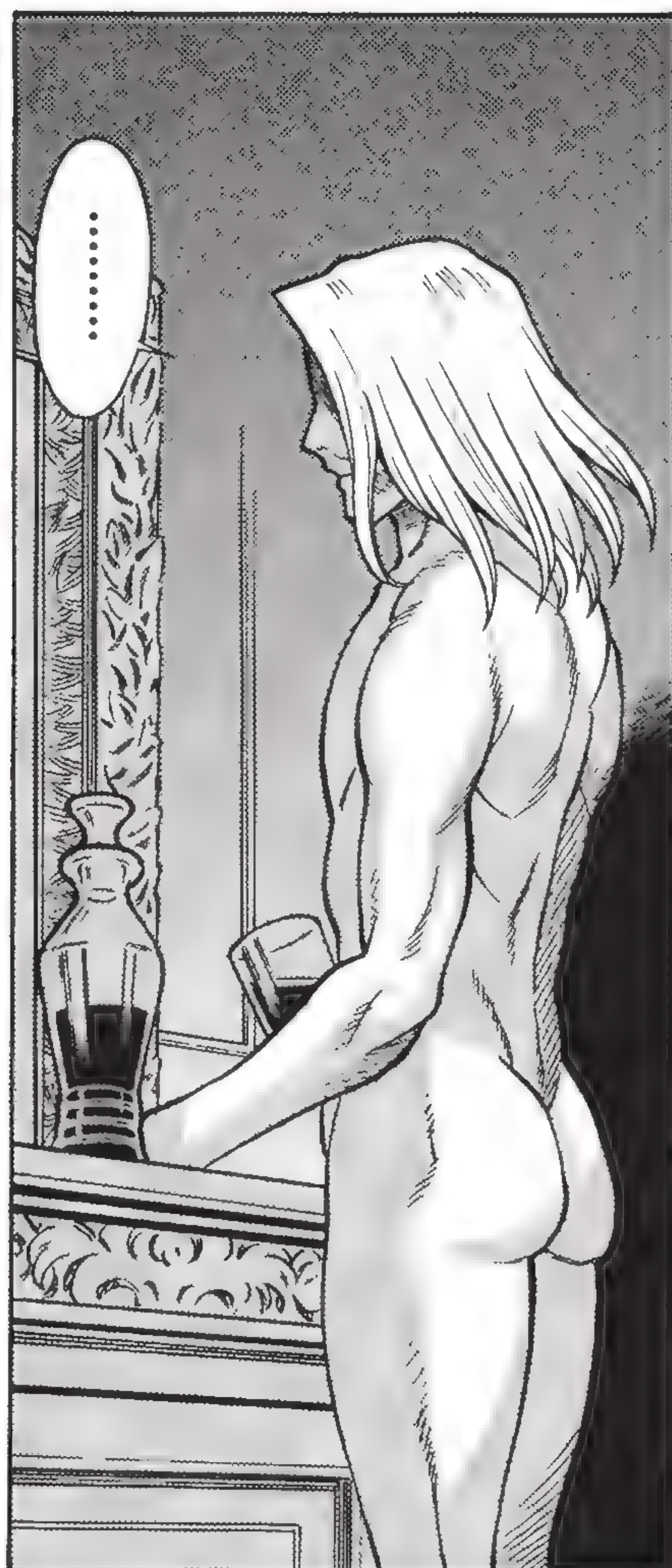
WE TWO
ARE
BEYOND
THAT.

I WOULD
NEVER
DO SOME-
THING SO
GAUCHE...

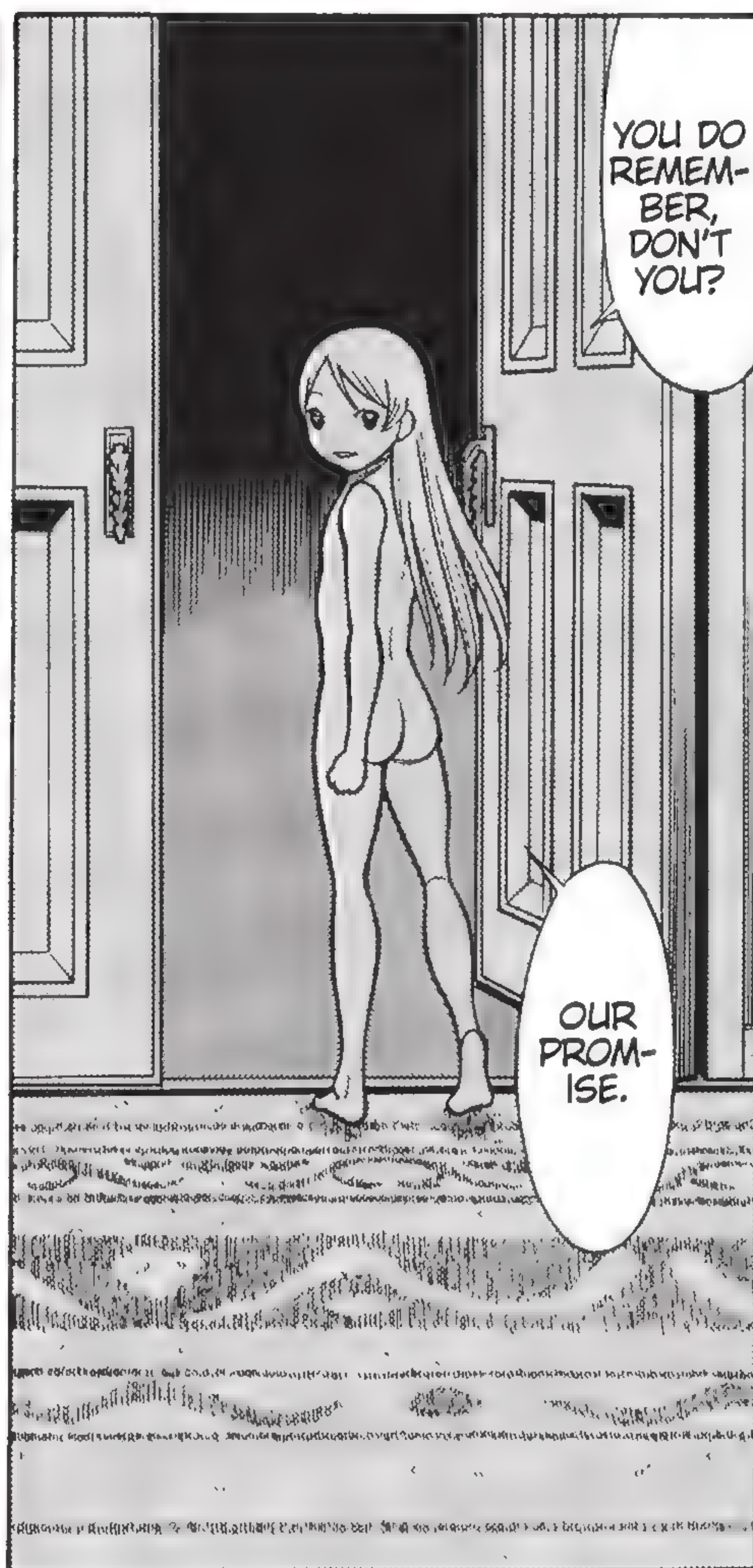


OUR
PROM-
ISE,
EH?

.....



.....



YOU DO
REMEM-
BER,
DON'T
YOU?

OUR
PROM-
ISE.

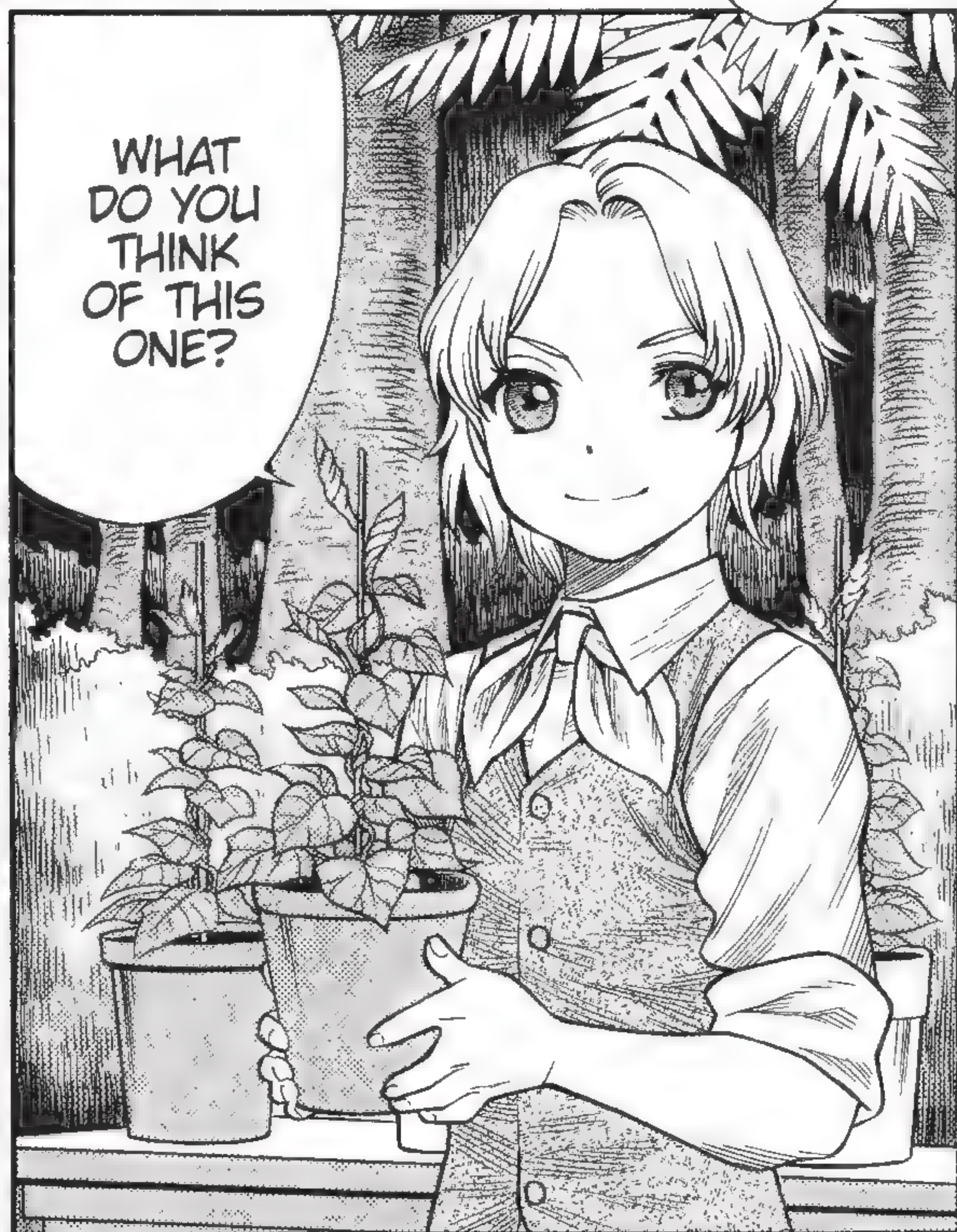


SEE?



I WOULD SAY IT IS A VERY FINE SPECIMEN, INDEED.

HM, ITS VINES ARE LONG, AND ITS LEAVES BROAD. ITS COLOR IS DEEP AND SHINY, AS WELL.



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ONE?



WELL, I THINK THIS FLOWER'S BEAUTY COMES NOT FROM ITS EXPENSIVE SEED.

IT COMES FROM THE LOVE AND CARE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN RAISING IT.



WONDERFUL! YOU ARE LEARNING.

THIS IS MY BEST ONE YET.

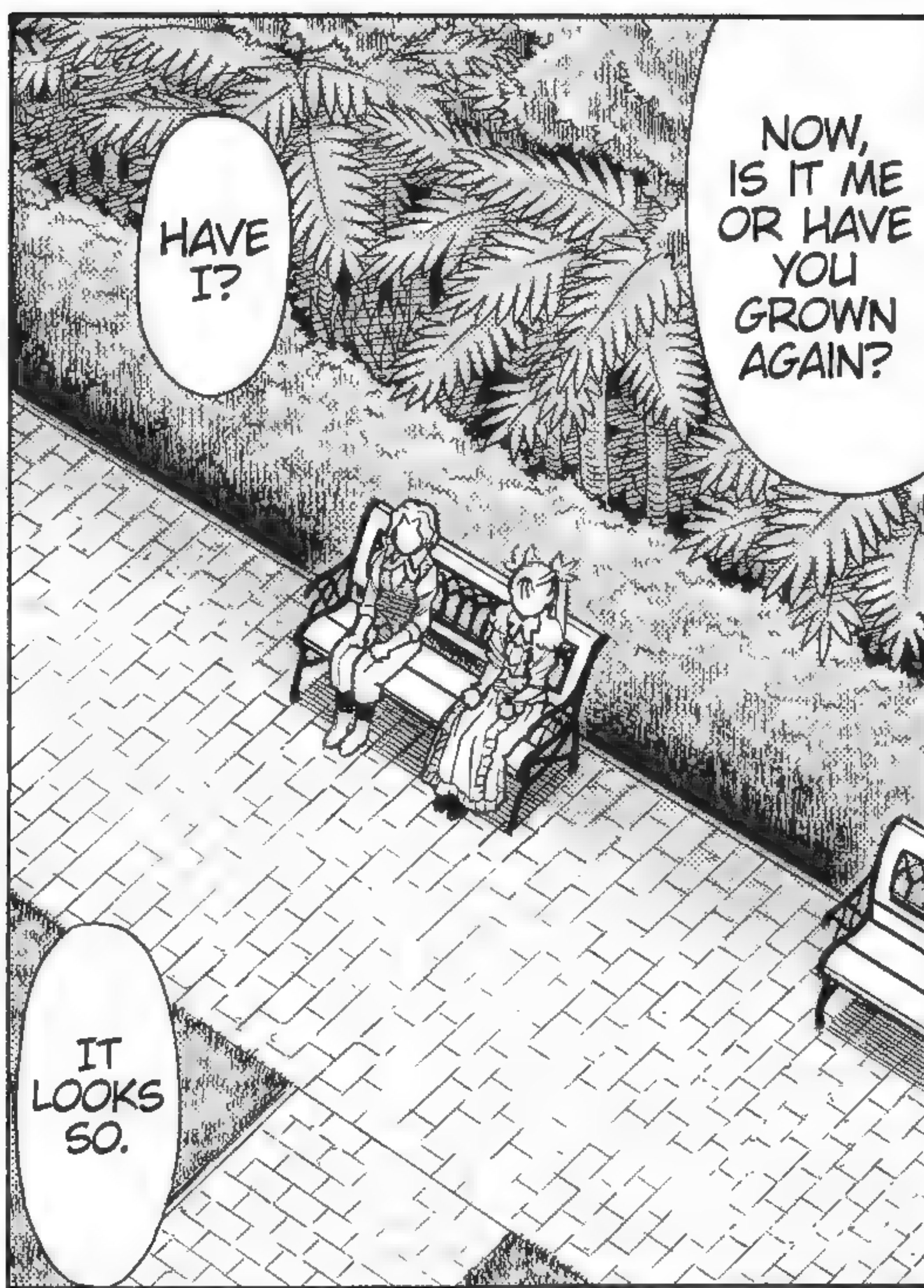
I HEARD THIS SEED IS WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD IN CIPANGU.



YOU ARE
STILL A
CHILD TOO,
YOUR
MAJESTY...



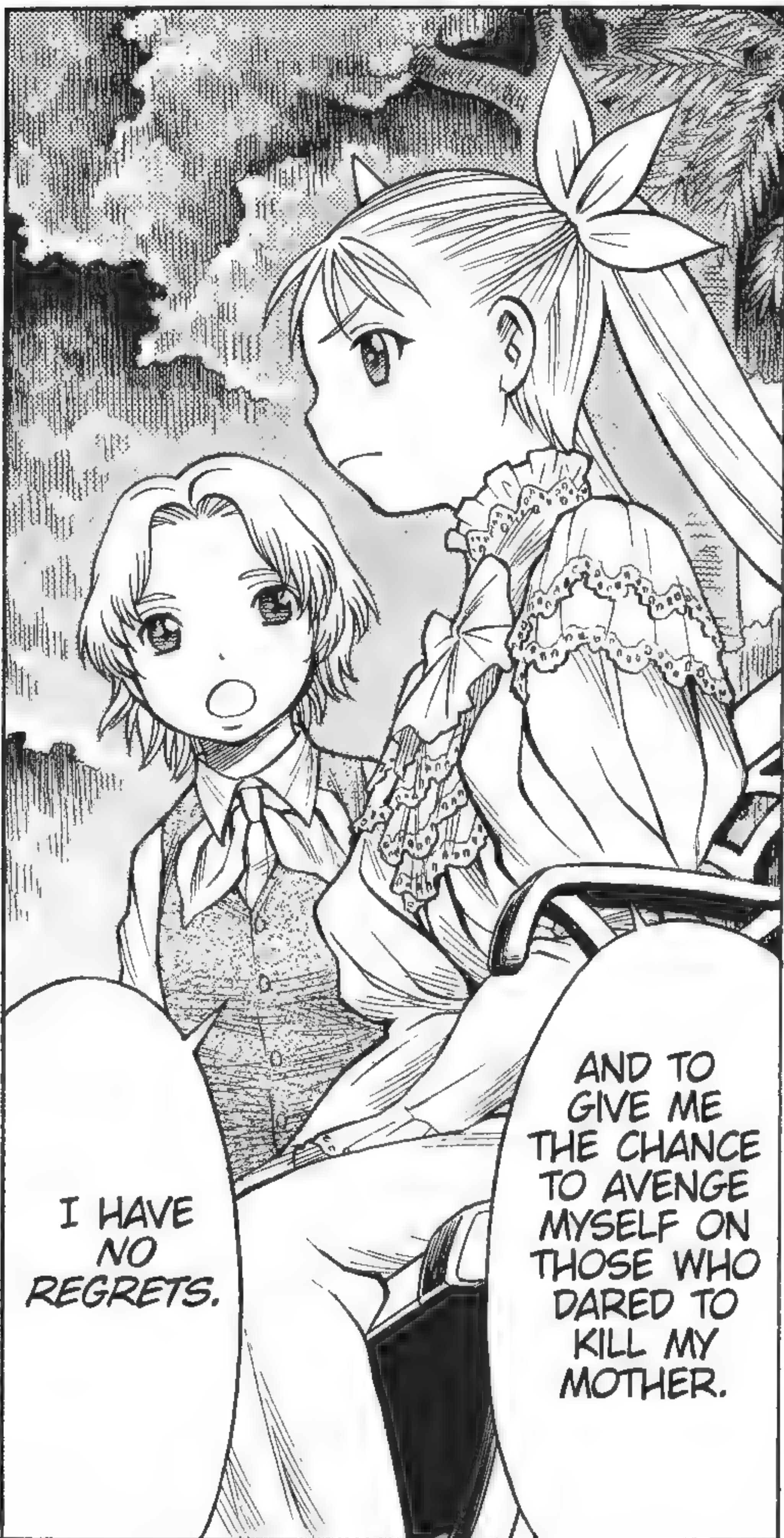
WHY
MUST ALL
CHILDREN
SO QUICKLY
BECOME
ADULTS...?



HAVE
I?

NOW,
IS IT ME
OR HAVE
YOU
GROWN
AGAIN?

IT
LOOKS
SO.



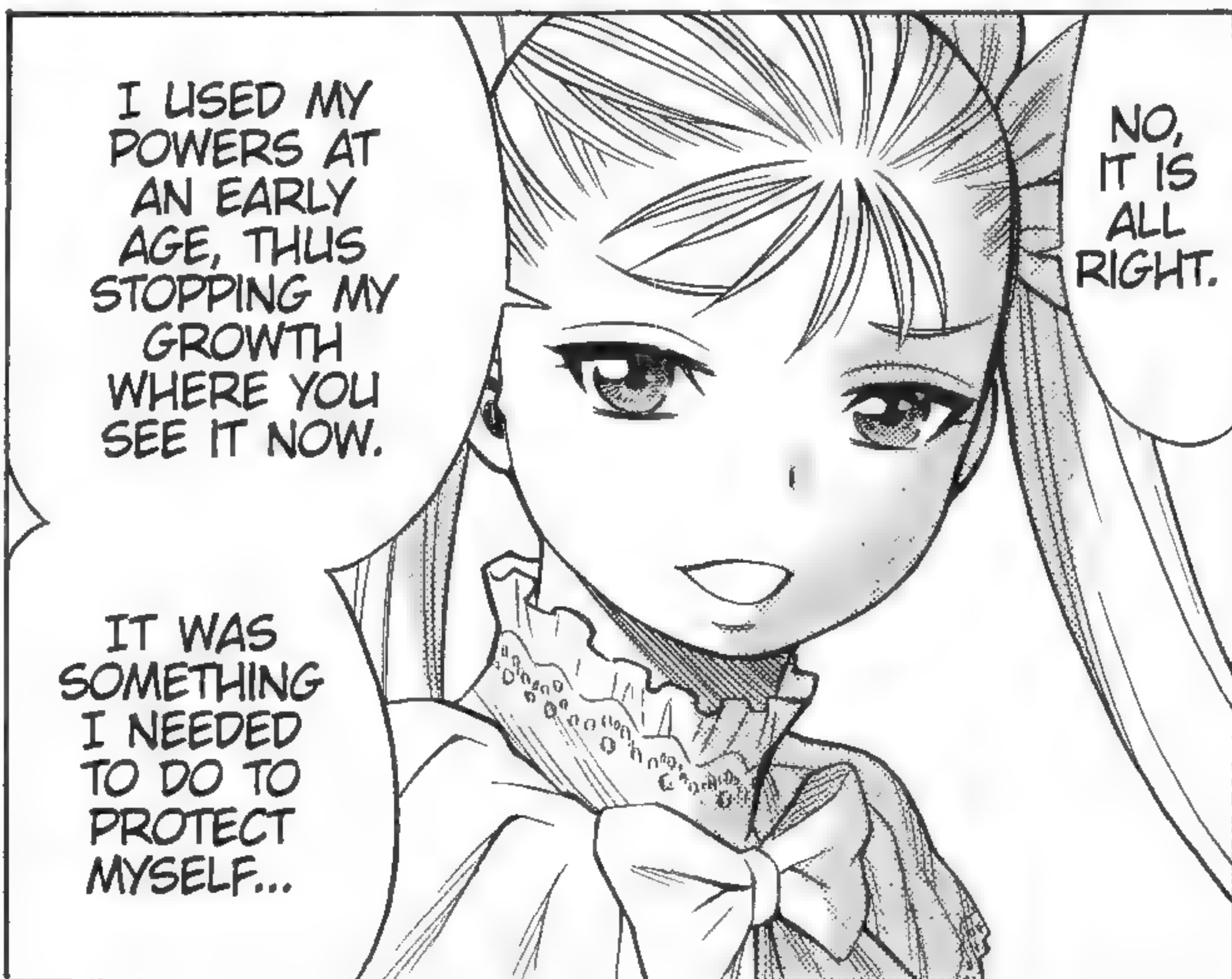
I HAVE
NO
REGRETS.

AND TO
GIVE ME
THE CHANCE
TO AVENGE
MYSELF ON
THOSE WHO
DARED TO
KILL MY
MOTHER.



I
APOLO-
GIZE. I
SHOULD
NOT
HAVE
SAID
THAT.

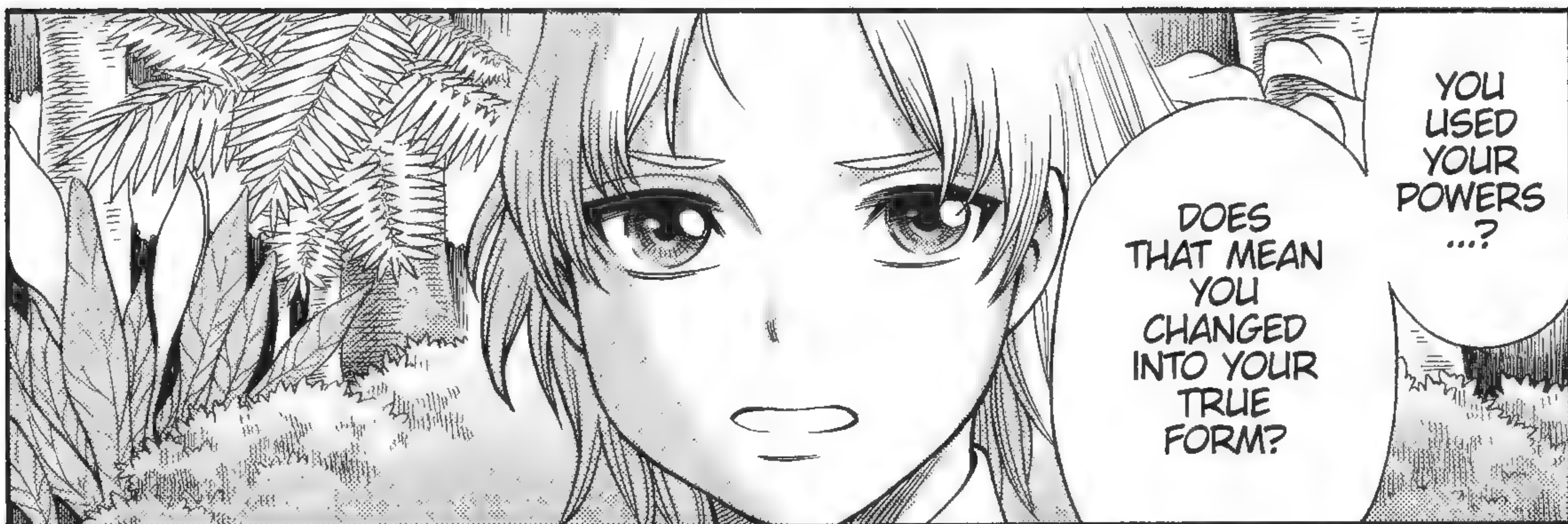
OOPS
!



I USED MY
POWERS AT
AN EARLY
AGE, THUS
STOPPING MY
GROWTH
WHERE YOU
SEE IT NOW.

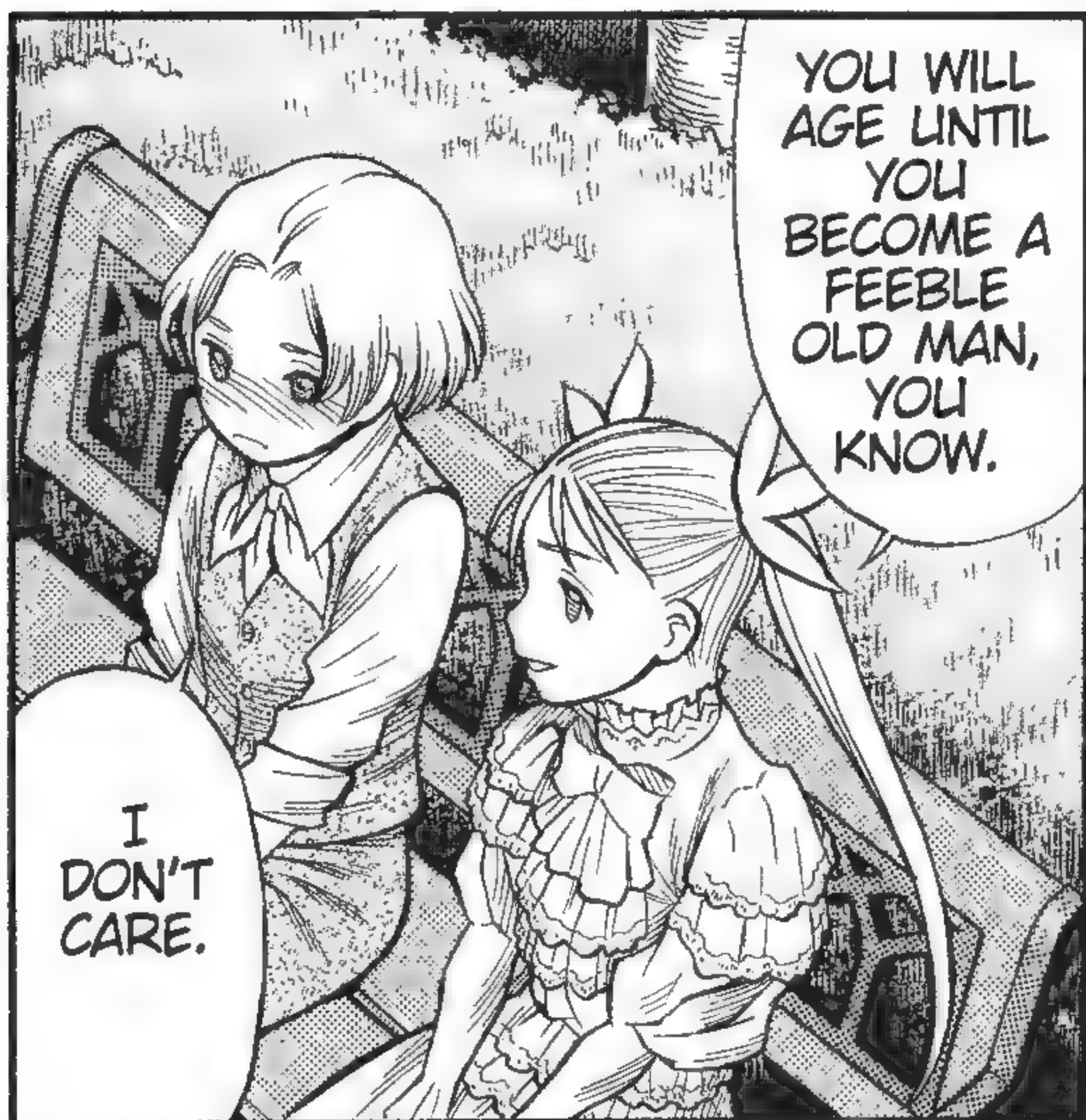
IT WAS
SOMETHING
I NEEDED
TO DO TO
PROTECT
MYSELF...

NO,
IT IS
ALL
RIGHT.



DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU
CHANGED
INTO YOUR
TRUE
FORM?

YOU
USED
YOUR
POWERS
...?



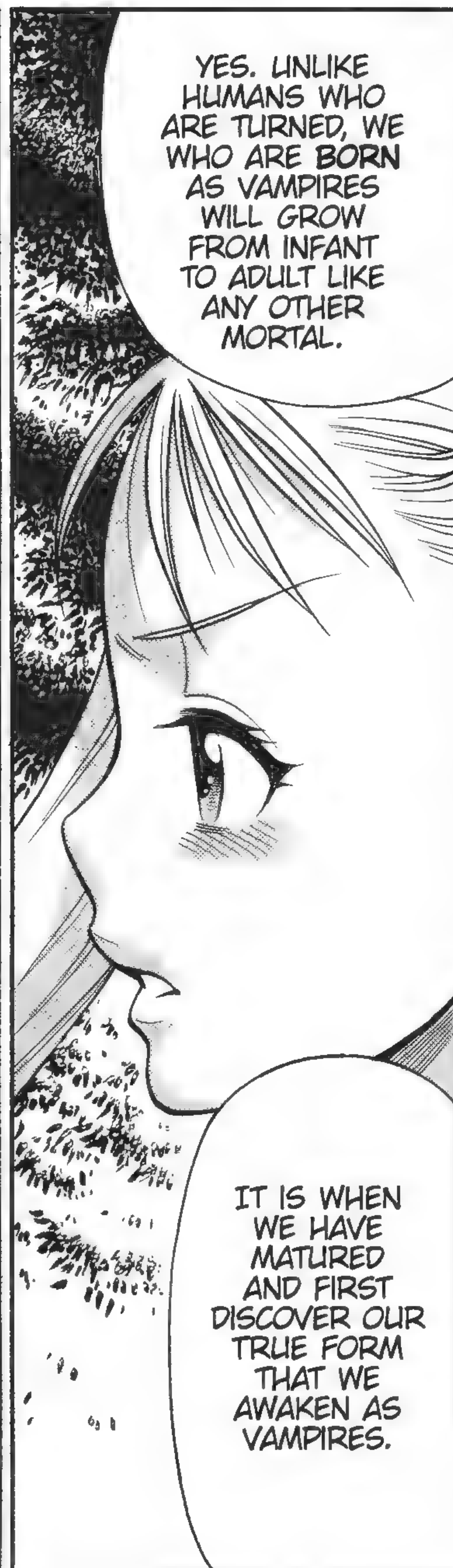
YOU WILL
AGE UNTIL
YOU
BECOME A
FEEBLE
OLD MAN,
YOU
KNOW.

I
DON'T
CARE.



OH.

WELL
THEN,
I WILL
NEVER
USE MY
POWERS,
EVER.



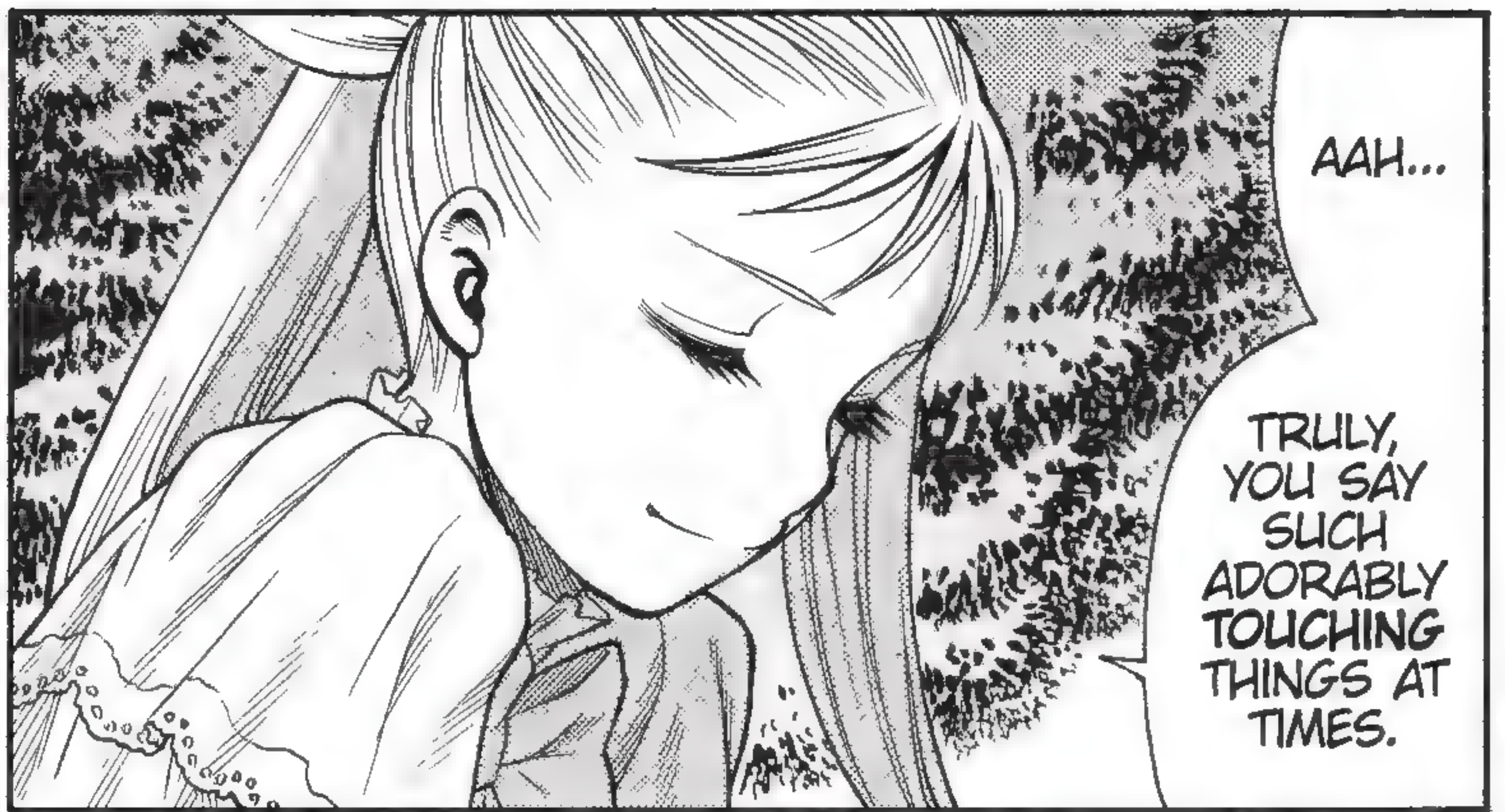
YES. UNLIKE
HUMANS WHO
ARE TURNED, WE
WHO ARE BORN
AS VAMPIRES
WILL GROW
FROM INFANT
TO ADULT LIKE
ANY OTHER
MORTAL.

IT IS WHEN
WE HAVE
MATURED
AND FIRST
DISCOVER OUR
TRUE FORM
THAT WE
AWAKEN AS
VAMPIRES.



I WANT
TO BE
YOUR...

YOUR
FRIEND,
FOREVER.
SO I
DON'T
MIND
GROWING
OLD.

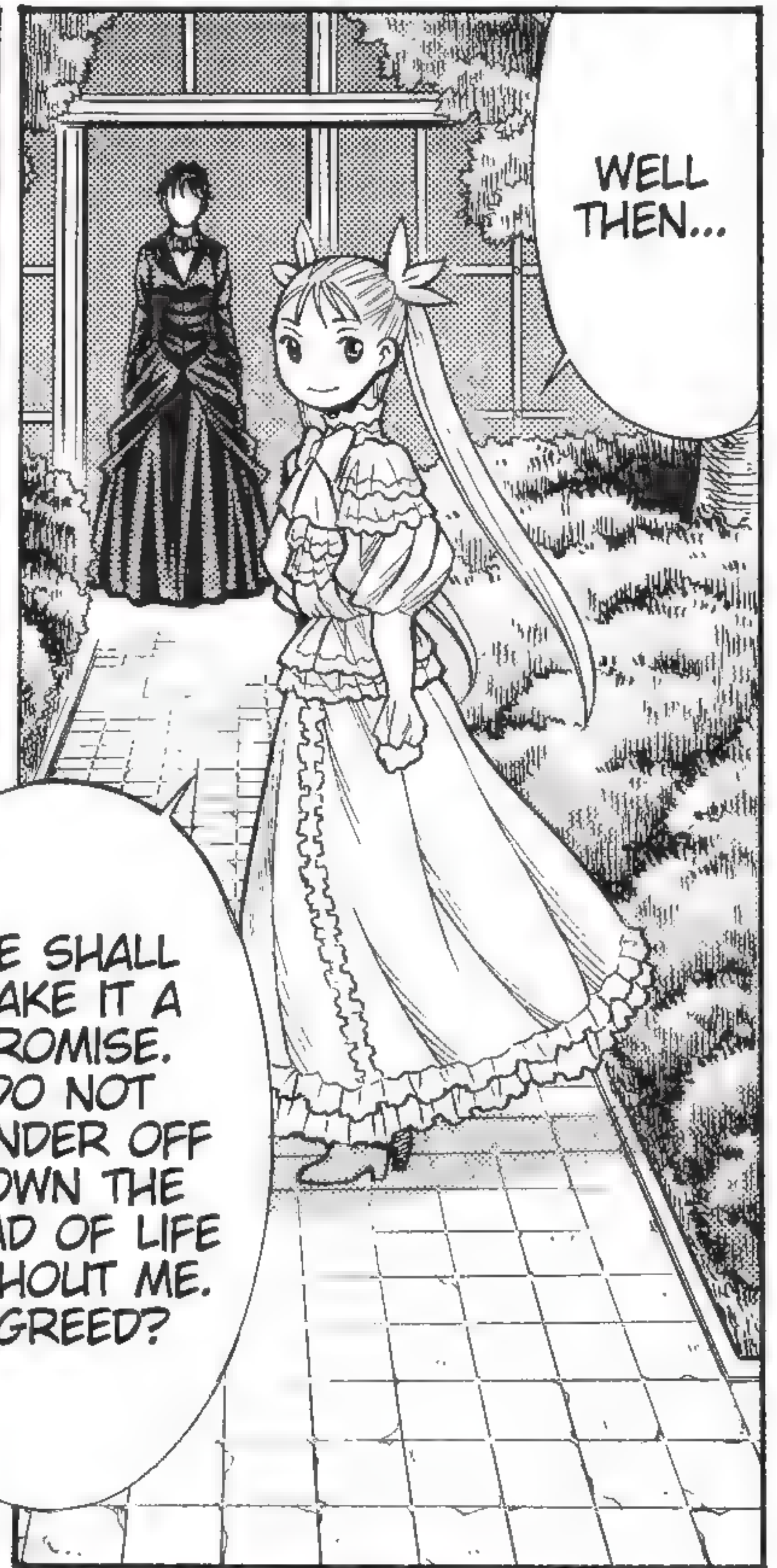


AAH...

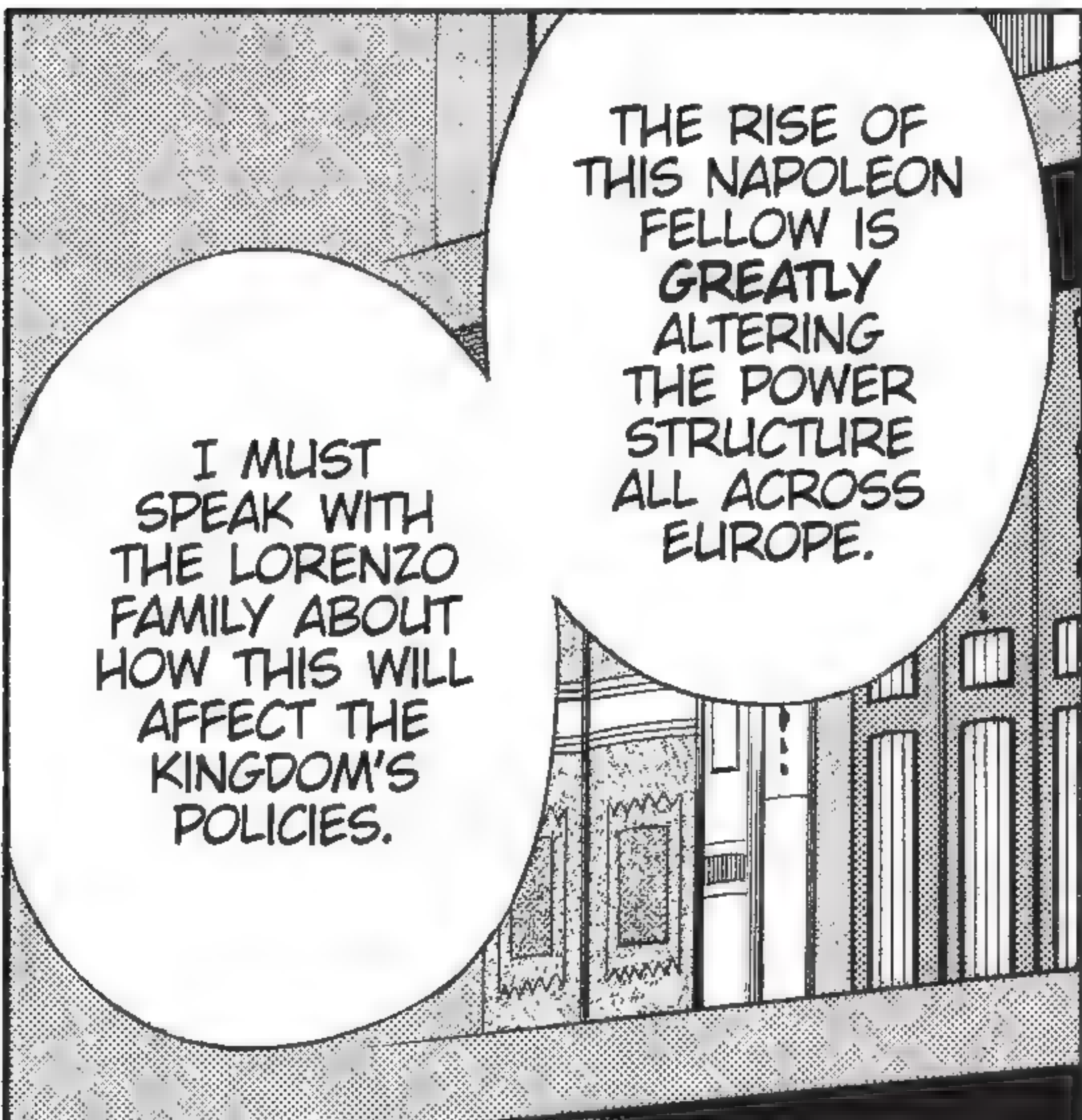
TRULY,
YOU SAY
SUCH
ADORABLY
TOUCHING
THINGS AT
TIMES.



WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.
DO NOT
WANDER OFF
DOWN THE
ROAD OF LIFE
WITHOUT ME.
AGREED?



WELL
THEN...



I MUST
SPEAK WITH
THE LORENZO
FAMILY ABOUT
HOW THIS WILL
AFFECT THE
KINGDOM'S
POLICIES.

THE RISE OF
THIS NAPOLEON
FELLOW IS
GREATLY
ALTERING
THE POWER
STRUCTURE
ALL ACROSS
EUROPE.



I SHALL
SOON BE
LEAVING
FOR
FLORENCE.



BUT, FATHER...!
I PROMISED HER
MAJESTY THAT
I WOULD SHOW
HER HOW TO
PRUNE THE
TREES IN THE
GREENHOUSE
TOMORROW.



PACK
YOUR
THINGS.

YOU
SHALL BE
ACCOMPA-
NYING ME.



IT IS HIGH
TIME YOU
BEGAN
LEARNING
YOUR
DUTIES.

ALPHONSE,
YOU ARE MY
ELDEST SON
AND HEIR.
SOMEDAY,
YOU WILL
BE THE
MARQUIS DE
BORGIANI.



THE TRUE
DUTY OF THE
BORGIANI IS
TO PROTECT
THE TEPE'S
ROYAL FAMILY
FROM THE
SHADOWS.

WE LISTEN
TO THE
WHISPERS.
WE SEARCH IN
THE DARKNESS.
WE SEEK OUT
ANY WHO
WISH HER
MAJESTY ILL,
AND DESTROY
THEM BEFORE
THEY BREED
TROUBLE.



BUT I
WANT
TO--

ALPHONSE!
YOU MUST
LEARN
DISCRETION,
BOY. AND
QUICKLY!



NO.



I SERVE
HER AS MY
FATHER DID.
AND I
SHALL DIE
AS HE DID,
ONE DAY.

AS WILL YOU,
IN TIME.
SUCH IS THE
DUTY AND THE
FATE OF THE
SONS OF
BORGIANI.



YOU BEAR
MY FATHER'S
NAME. HE
SERVED HER
MAJESTY IN
SECRET, WITH
DISCRETION,
AND GAVE
HIS LIFE
DEFENDING
HER FROM
HARM.



DO NOT
SAY
SUCH
FOOLISH
THINGS.

BUT,
FATHER
--!



AND I'M
NEVER
GOING TO
BE A
VAMPIRE!!

NO,
I WILL NOT!
I DON'T
WANT TO
BE YOUR
HEIR!
I DON'T
WANT THAT
DUTY!!



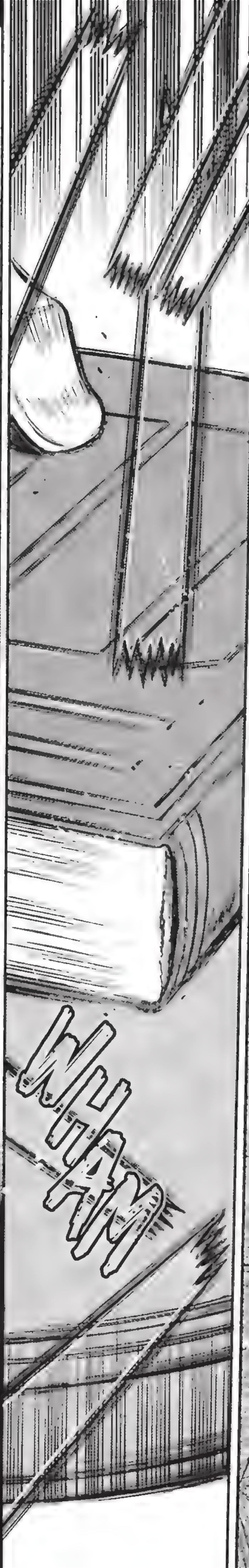
SILENCE!

NEVER
SAY THAT
AGAIN.
UNDER-
STAND?



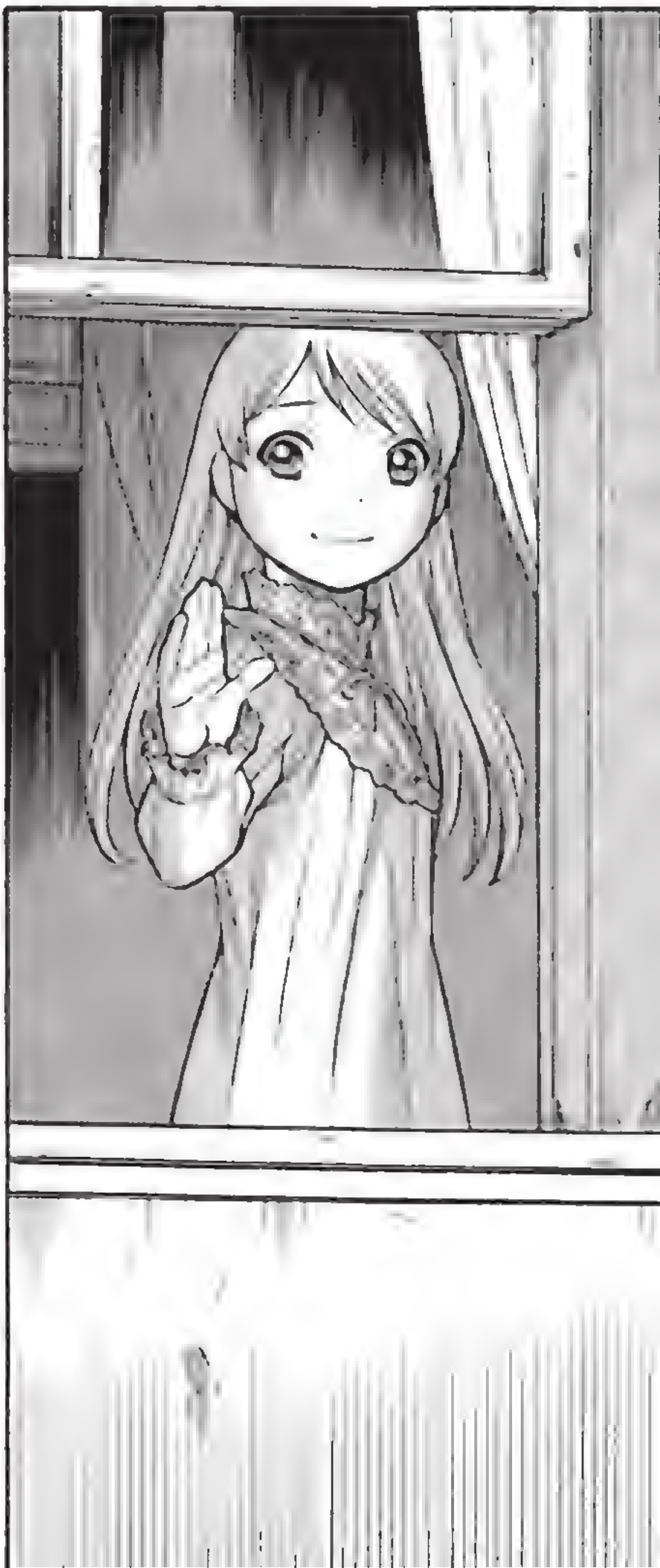
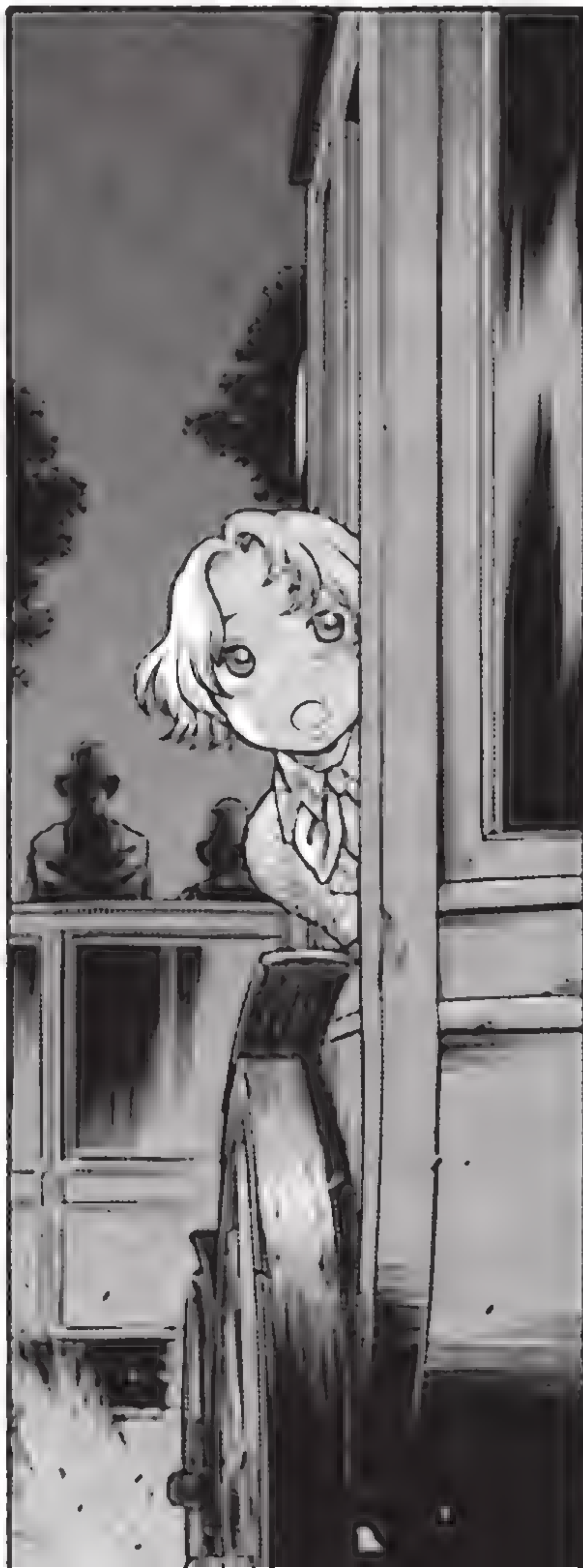
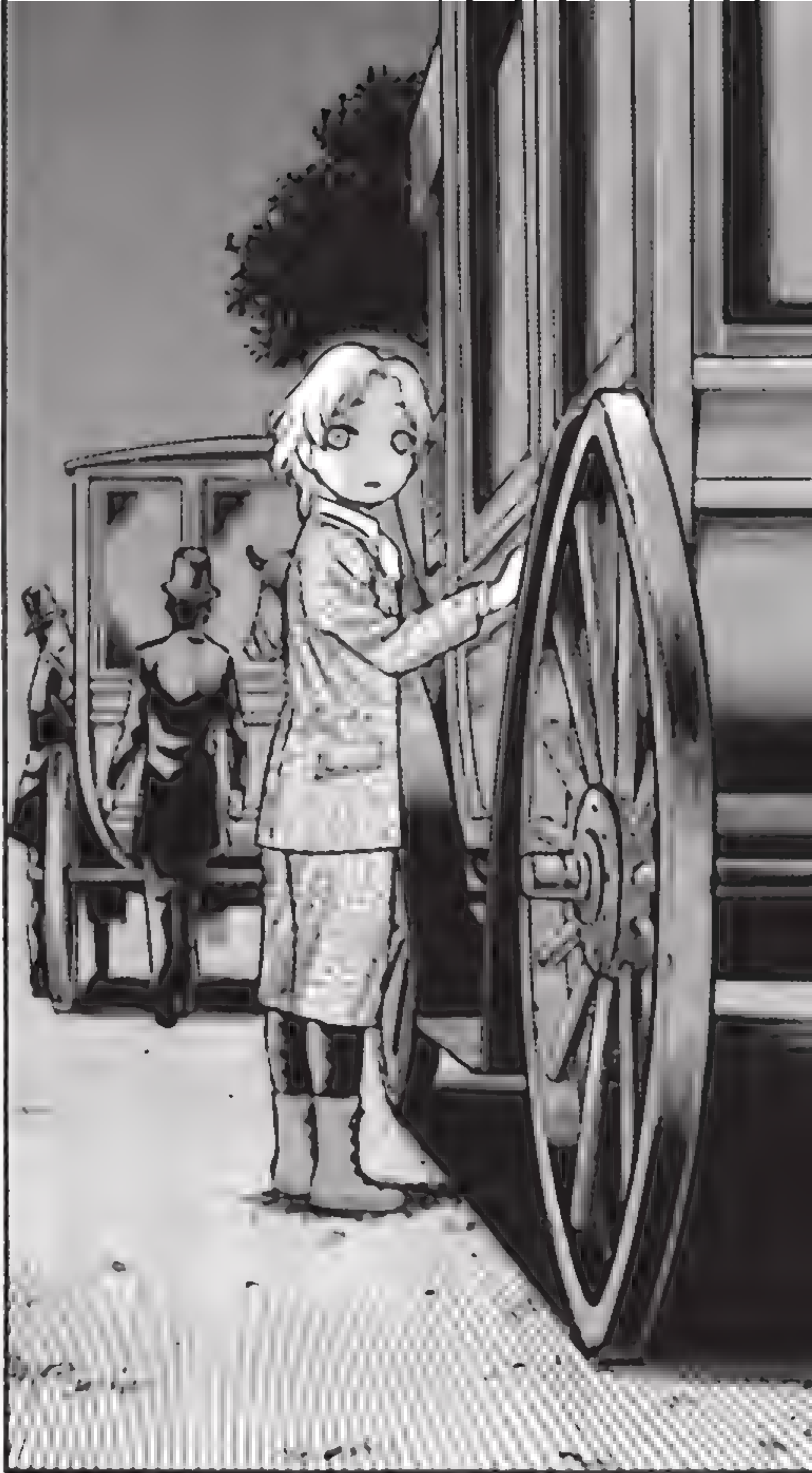
PACK
YOUR
THINGS.

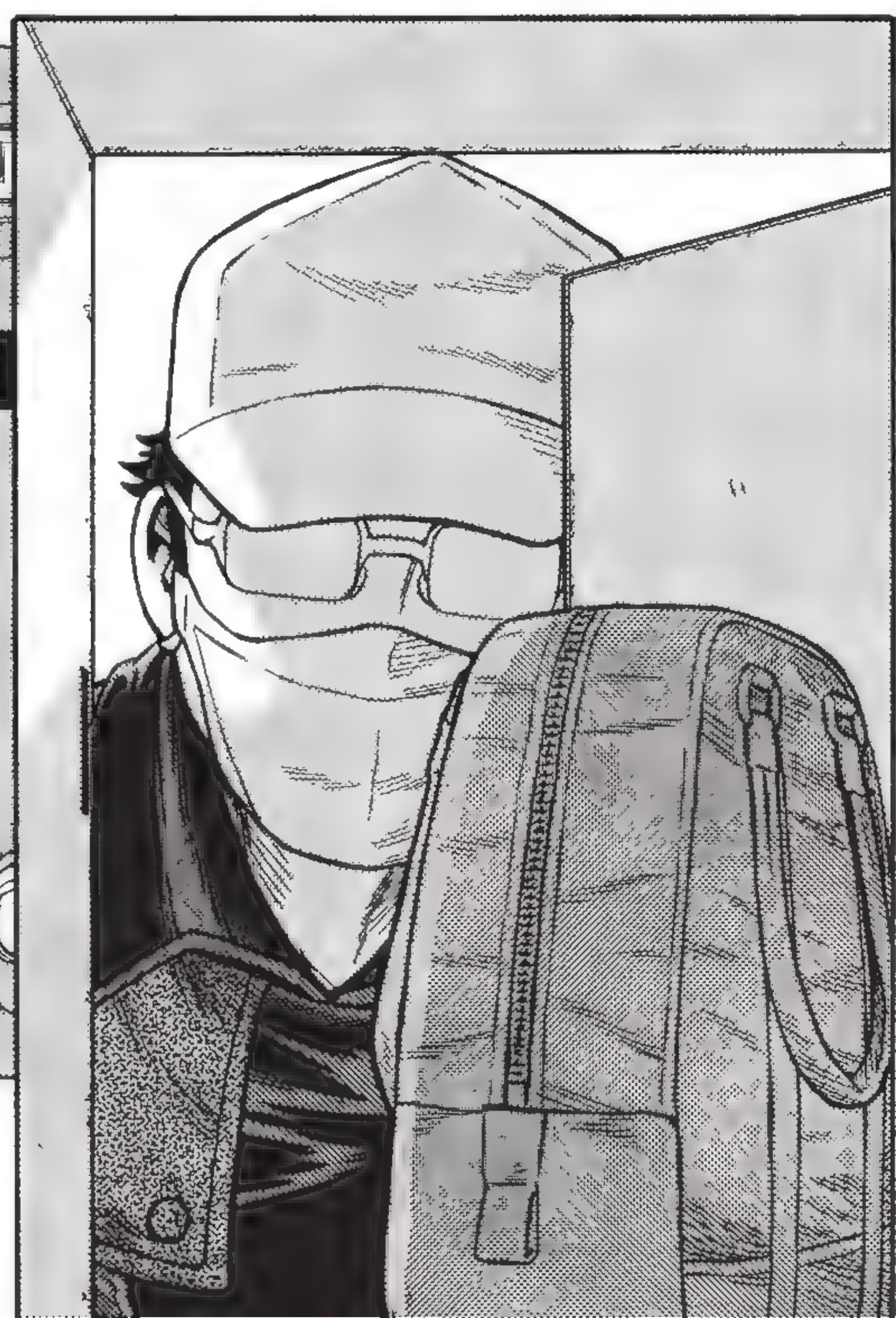
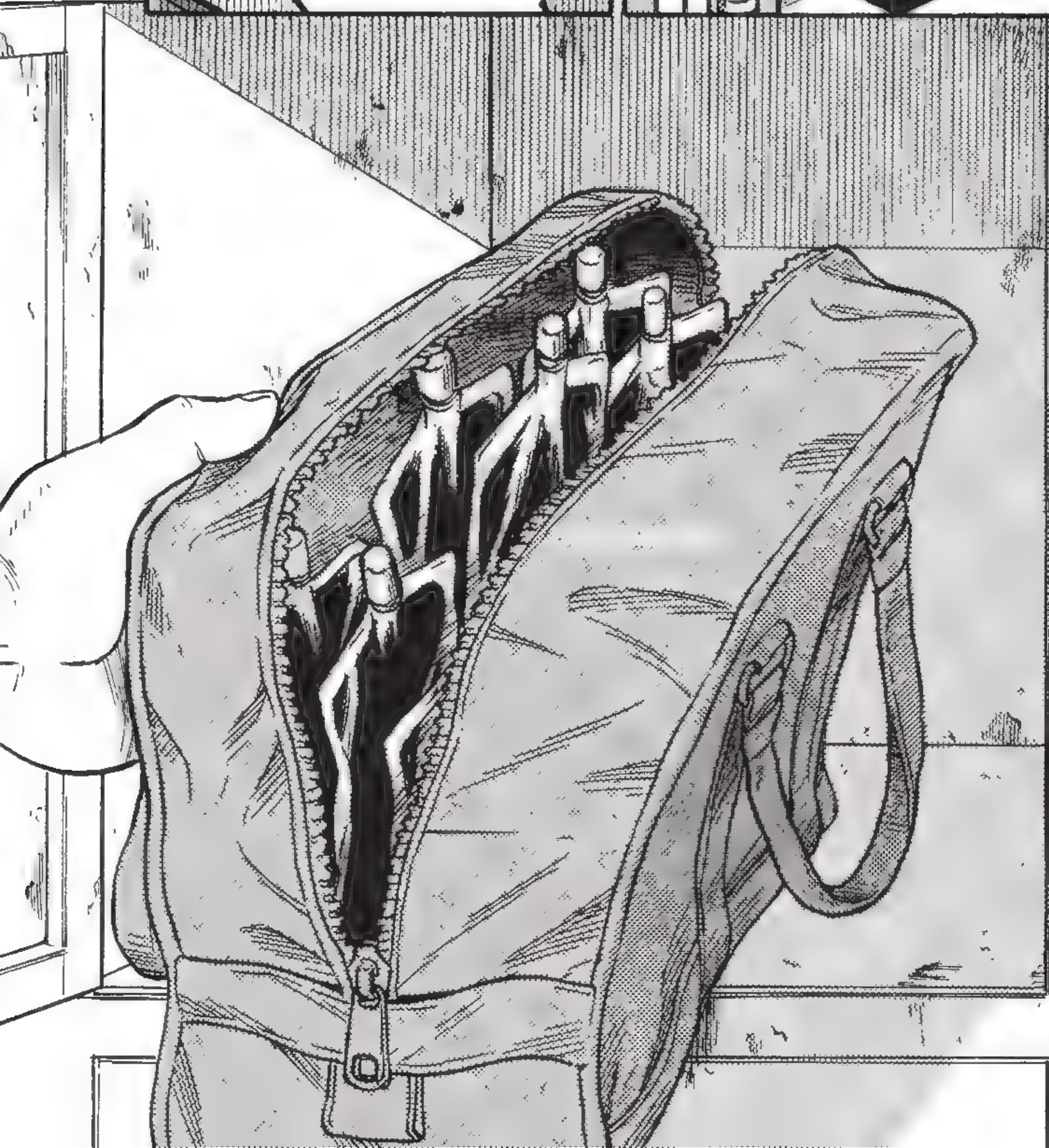
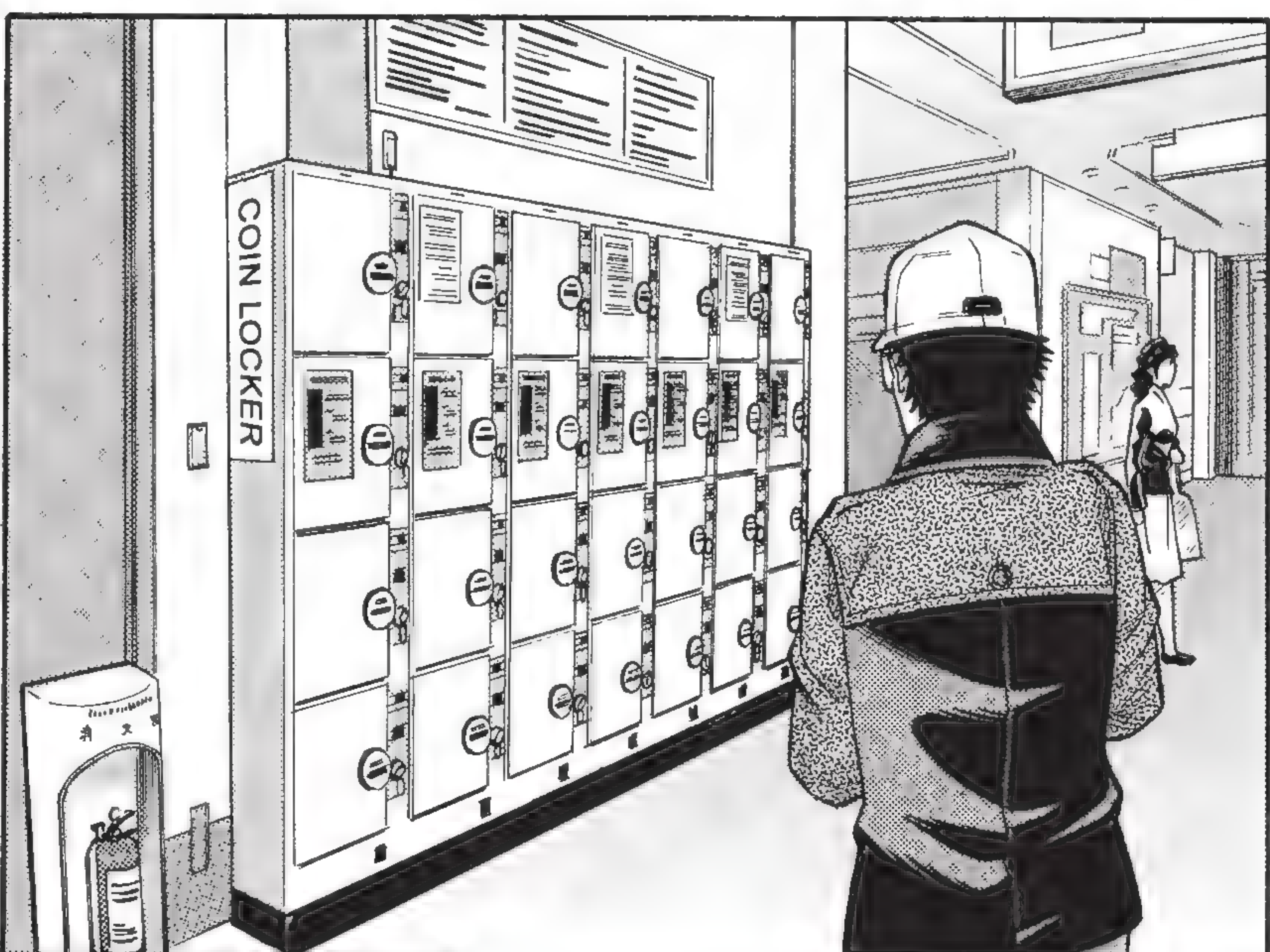
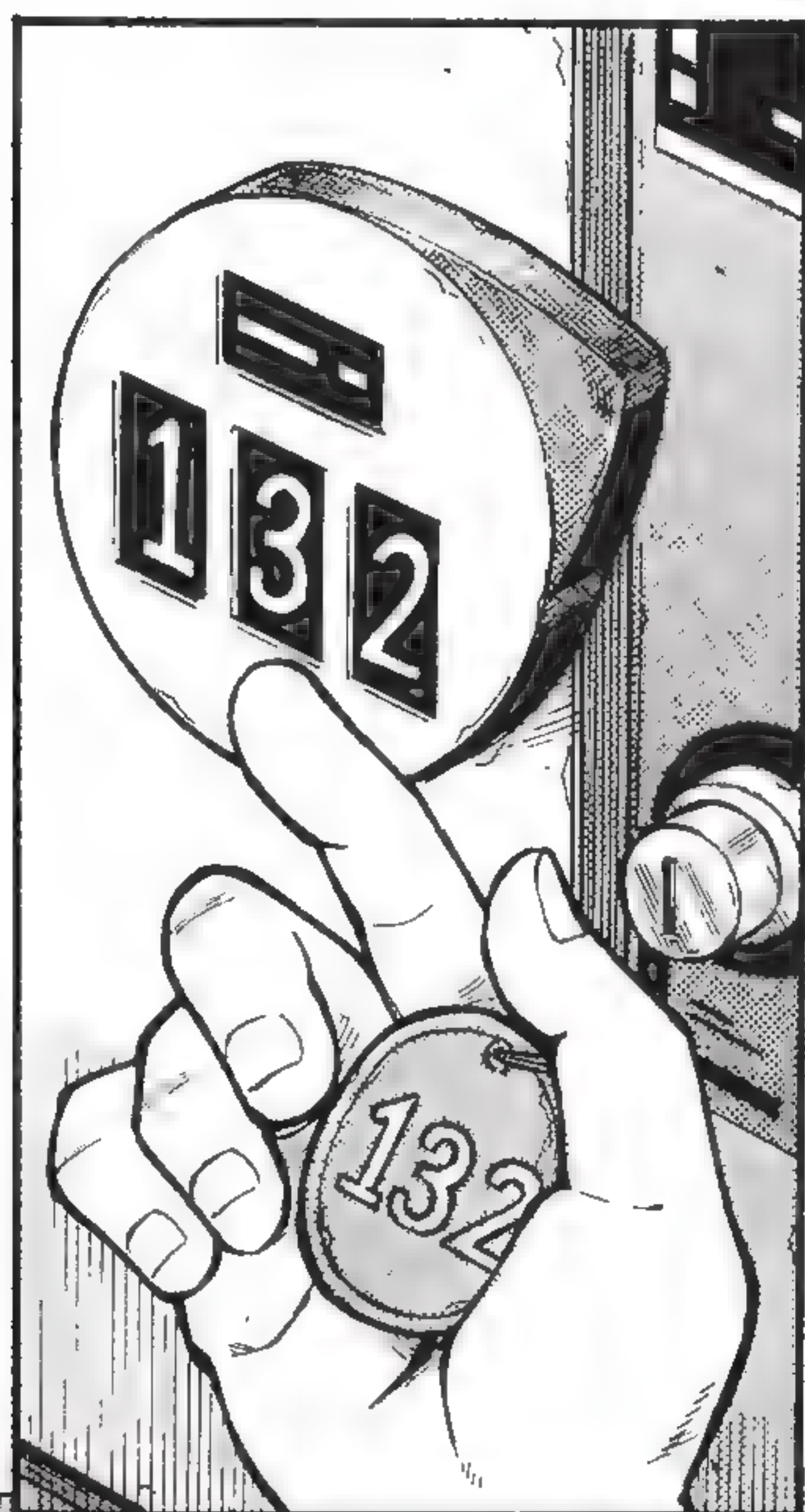
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LEAVE
TONIGHT.

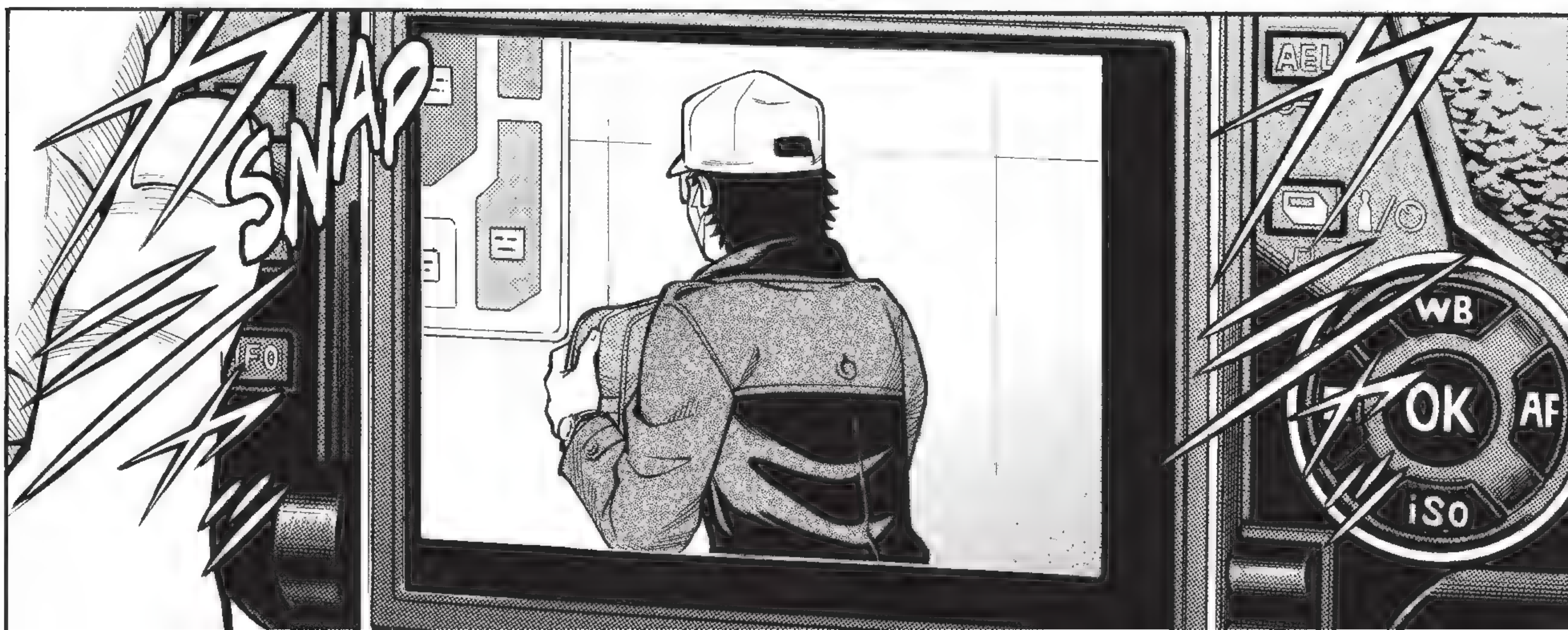


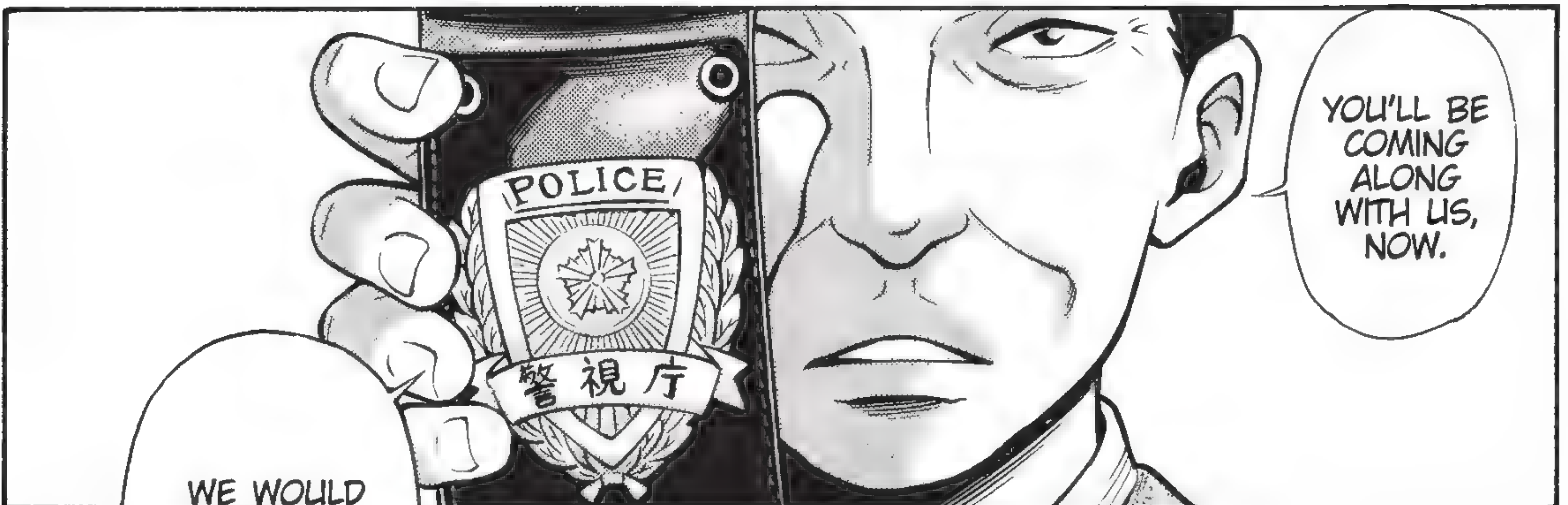
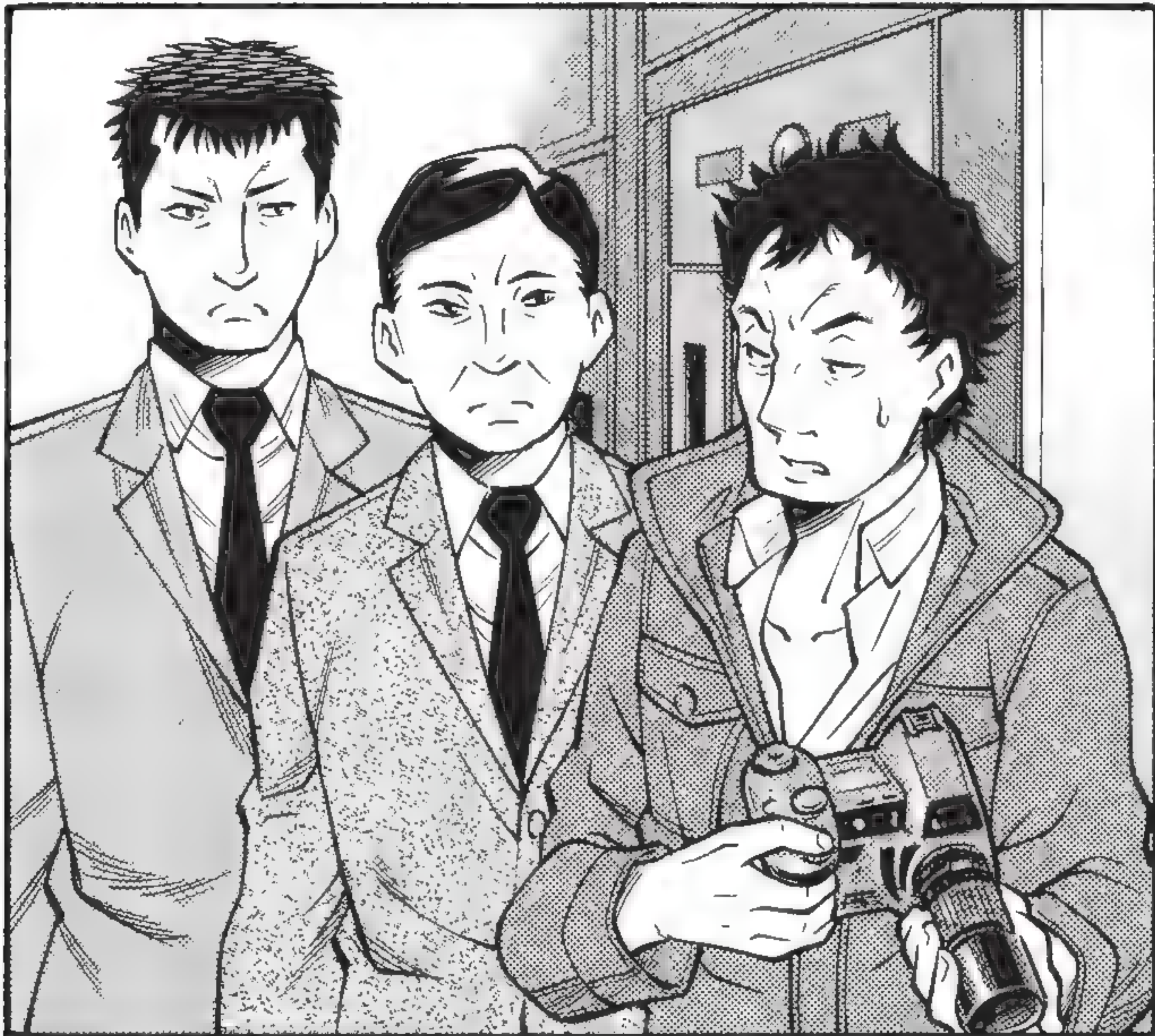
I...

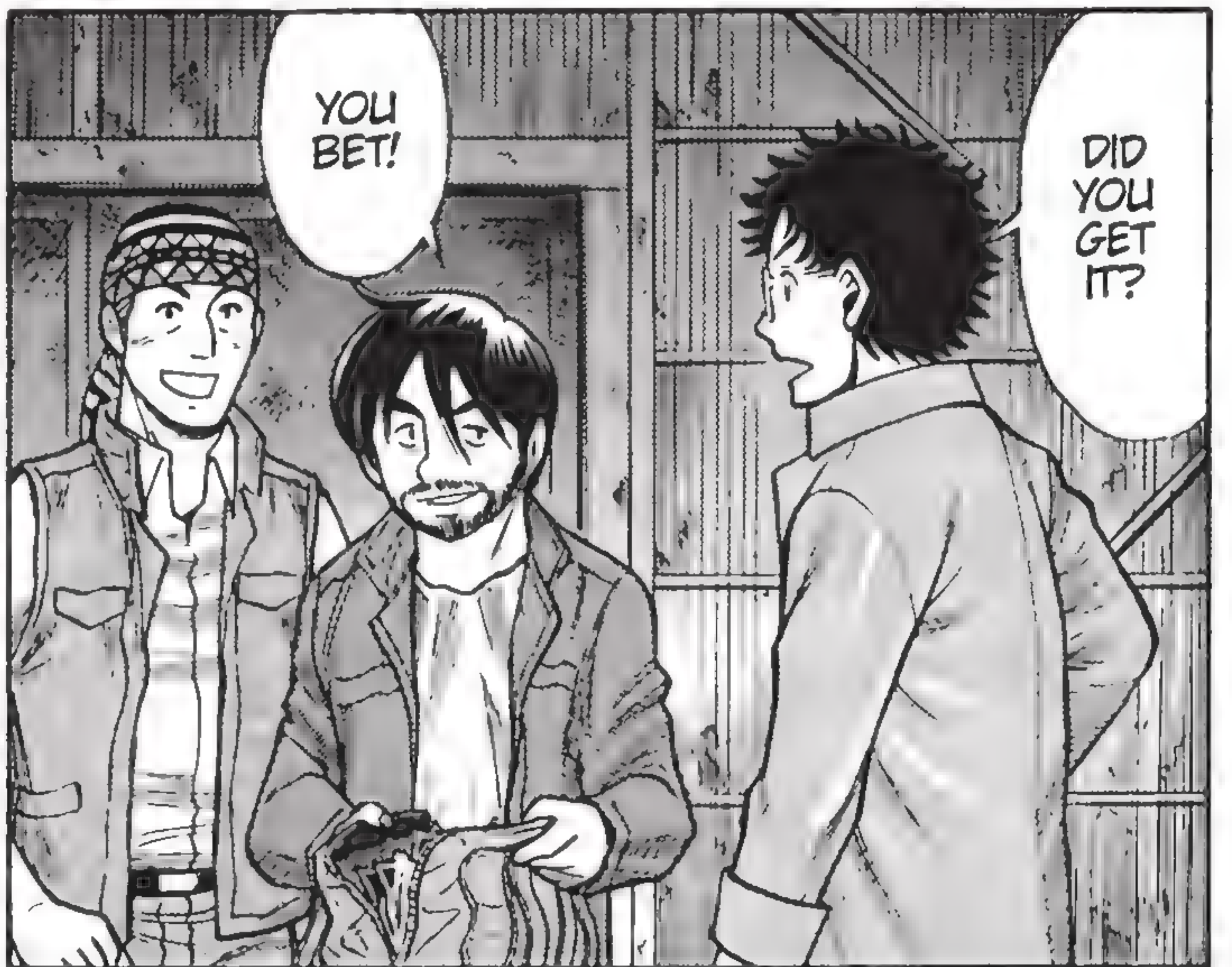
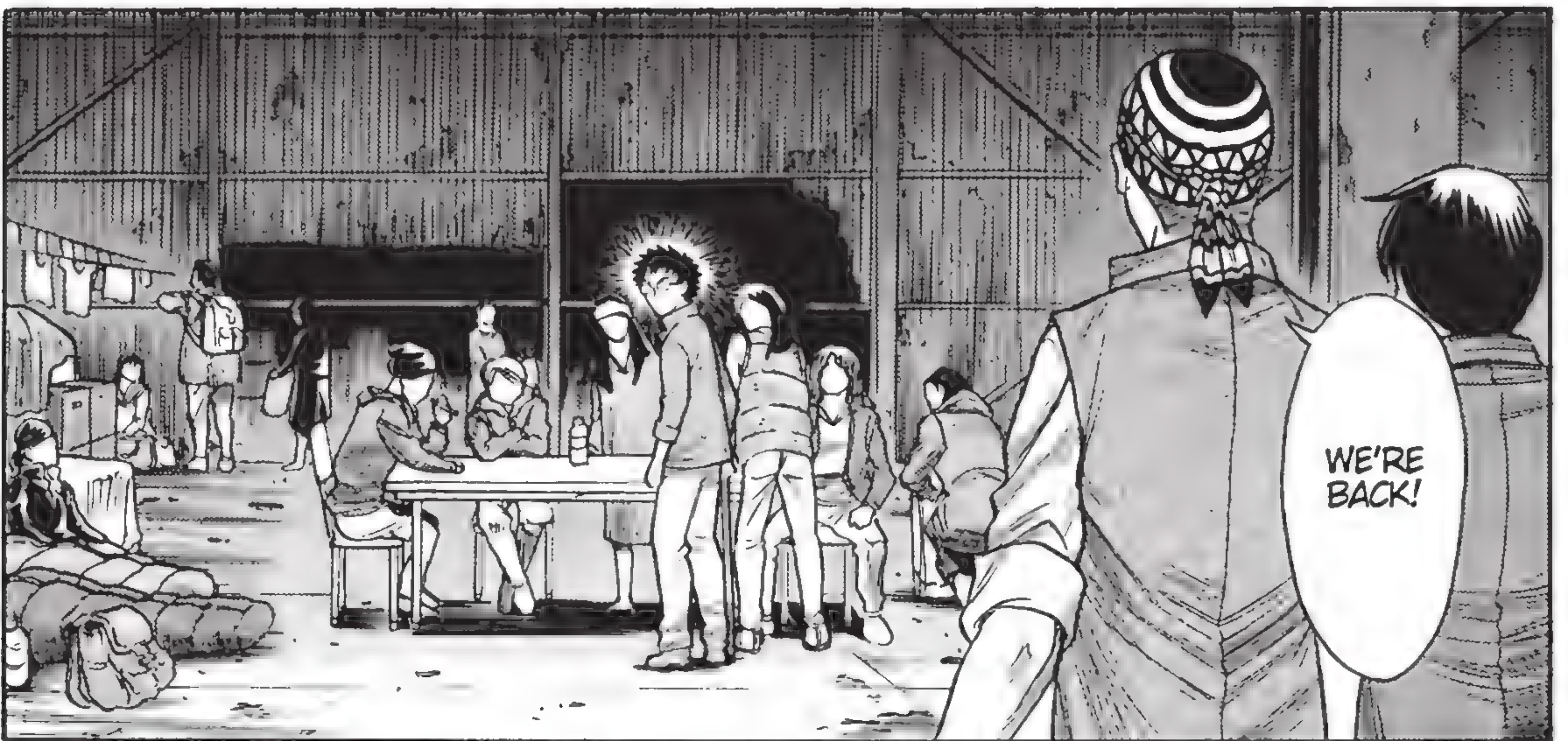
I
THINK
I'M IN
LO--

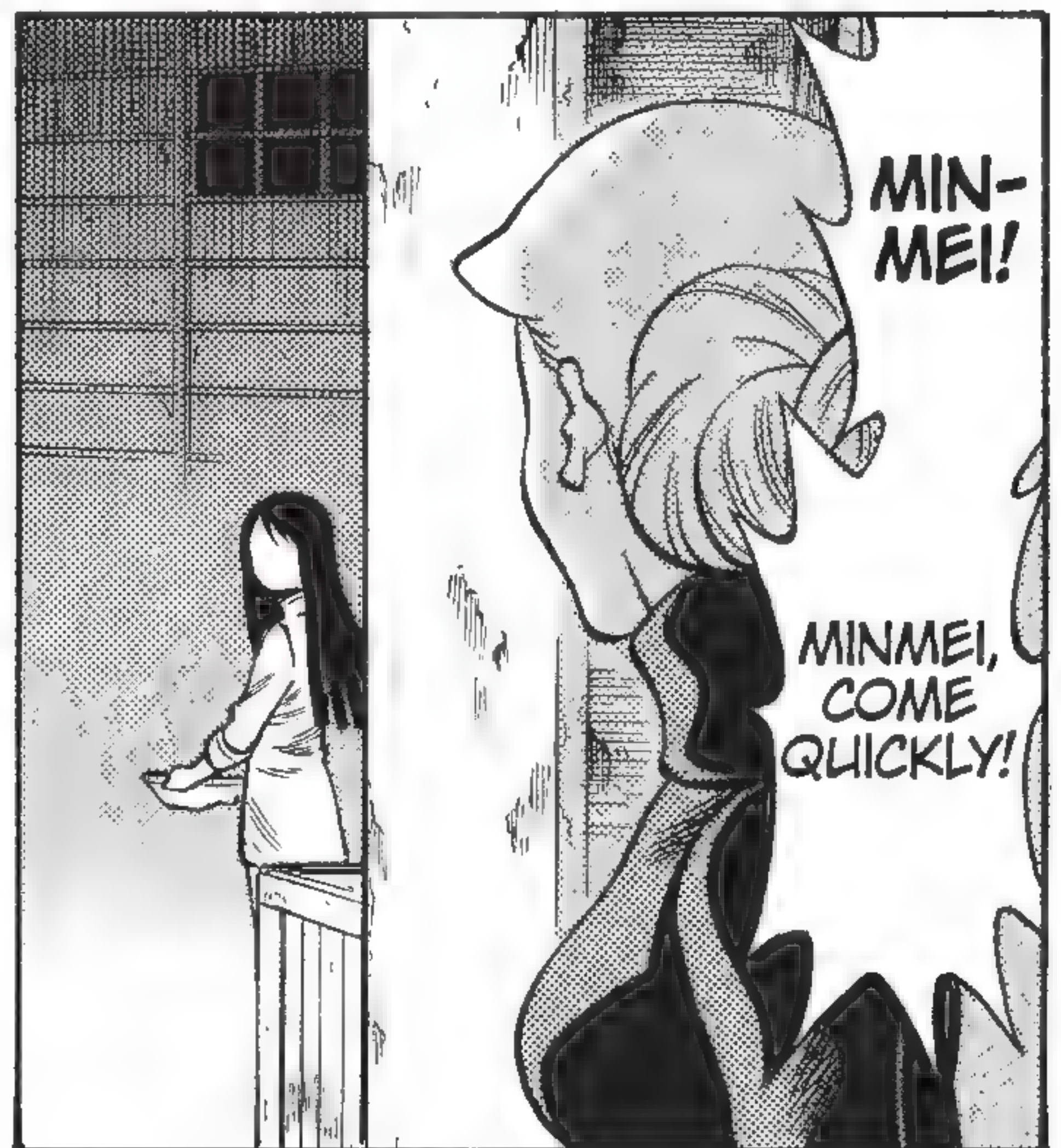
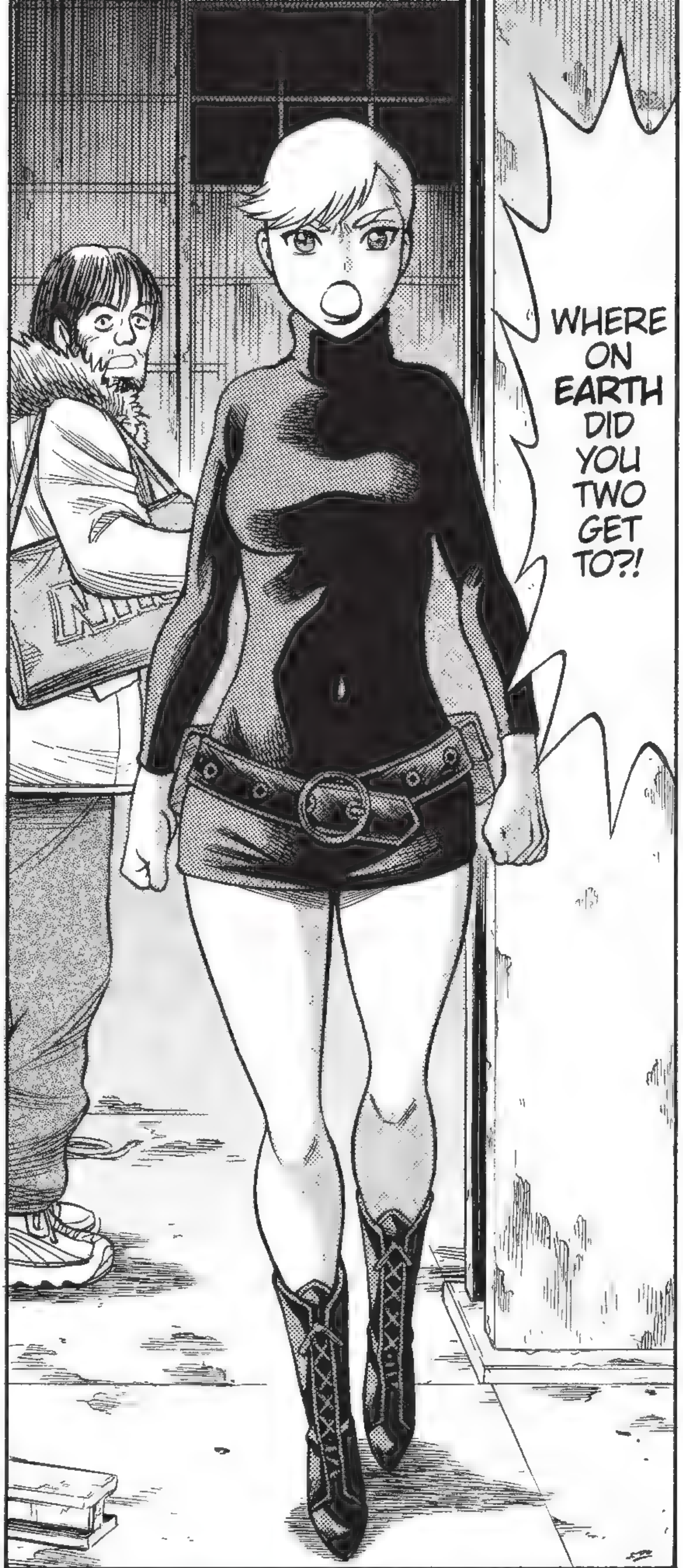


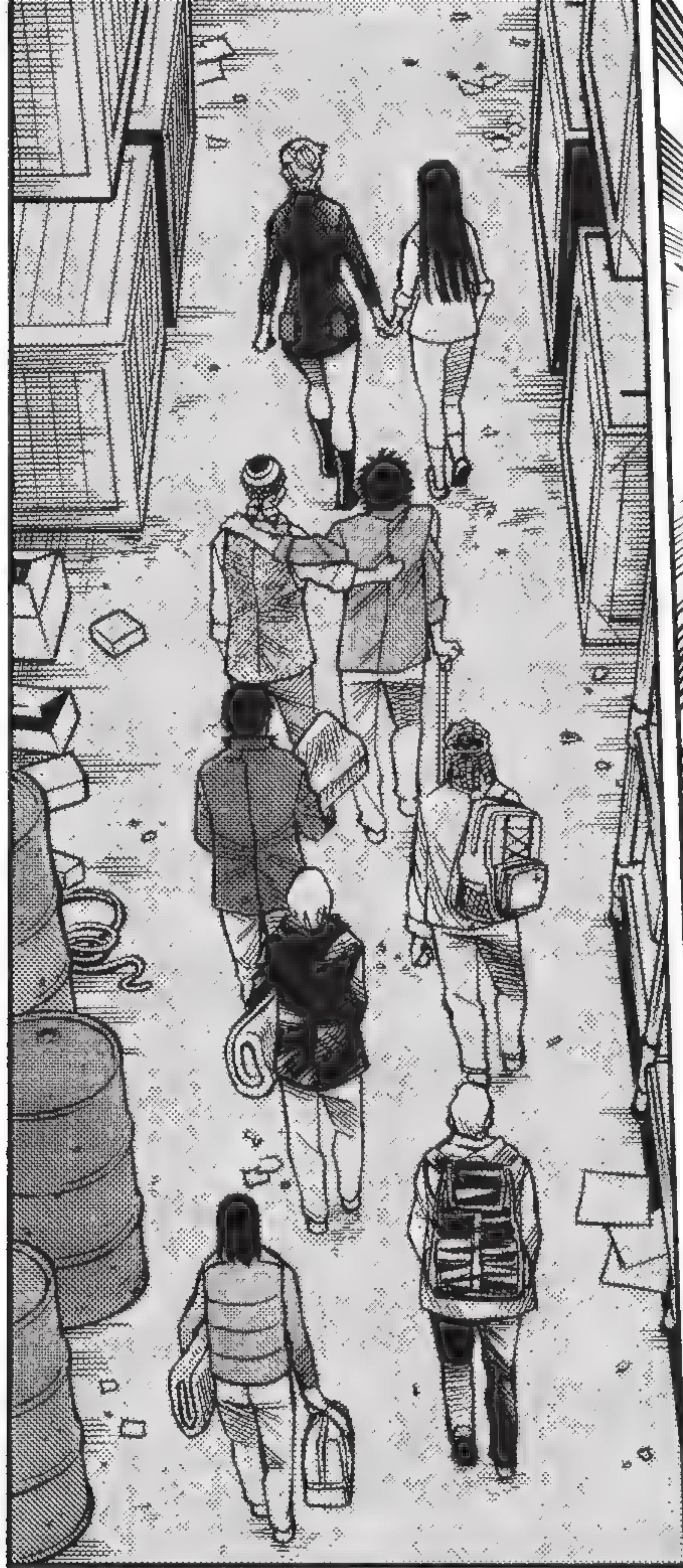












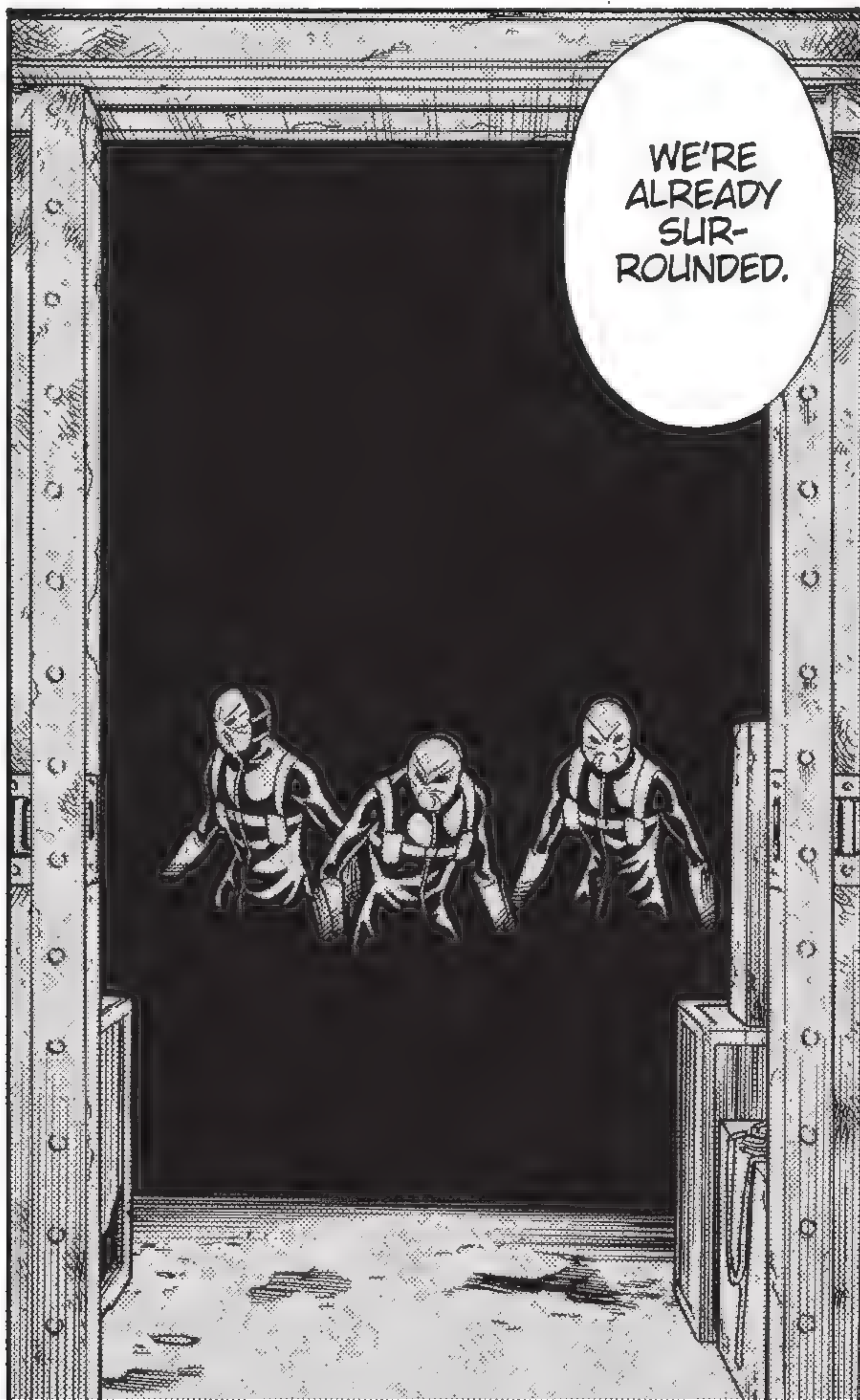
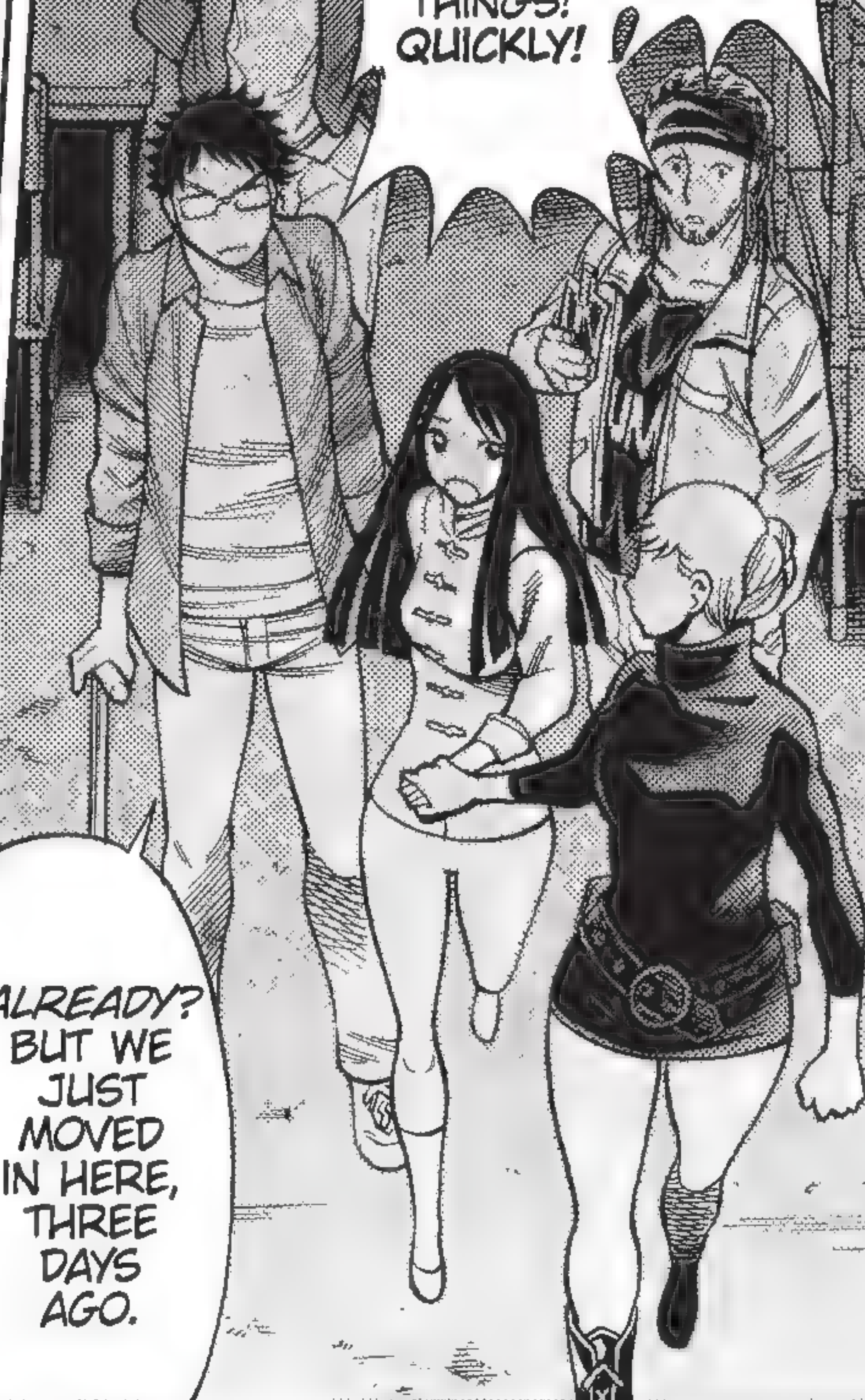
DO IT!!
OR
WOULD
YOU
RATHER
GET
DUSTED
?!

WHAT
?

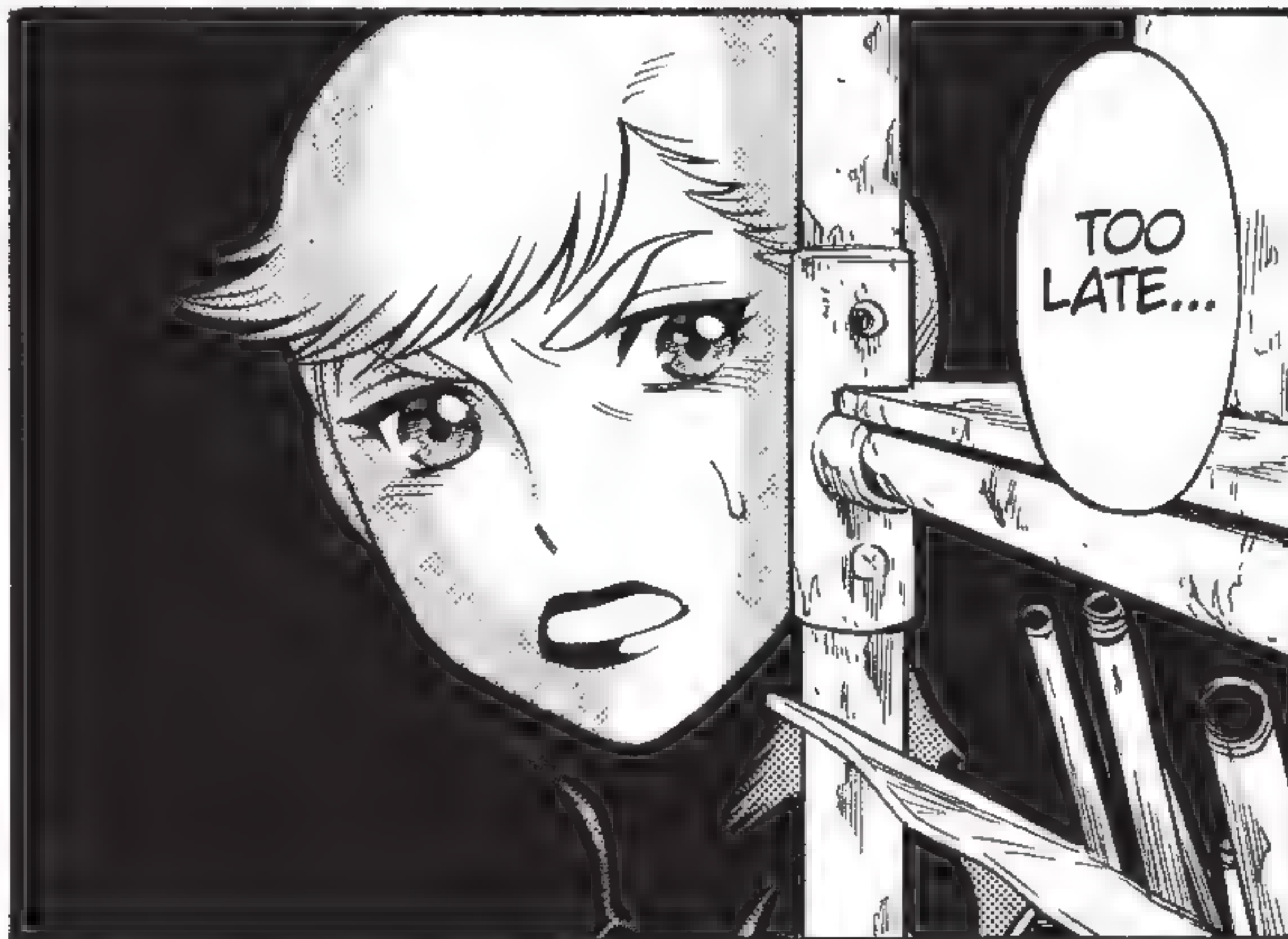
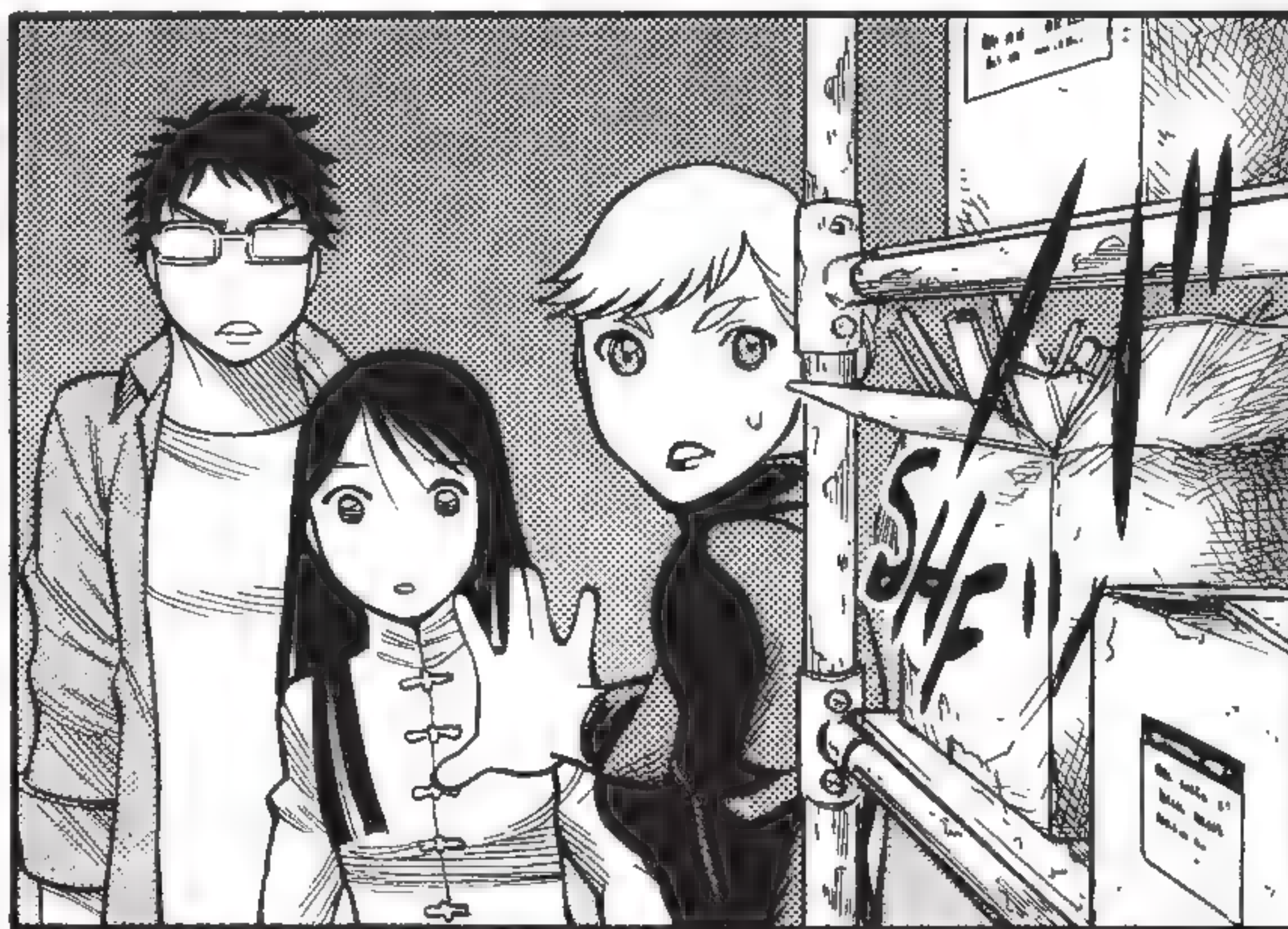
WE'RE
MOVING!

EVERYONE,
GET YOUR
THINGS!
QUICKLY!

ALREADY?
BUT WE
JUST
MOVED
IN HERE,
THREE
DAYS
AGO.



WE'RE
ALREADY
SUR-
ROUNDED.



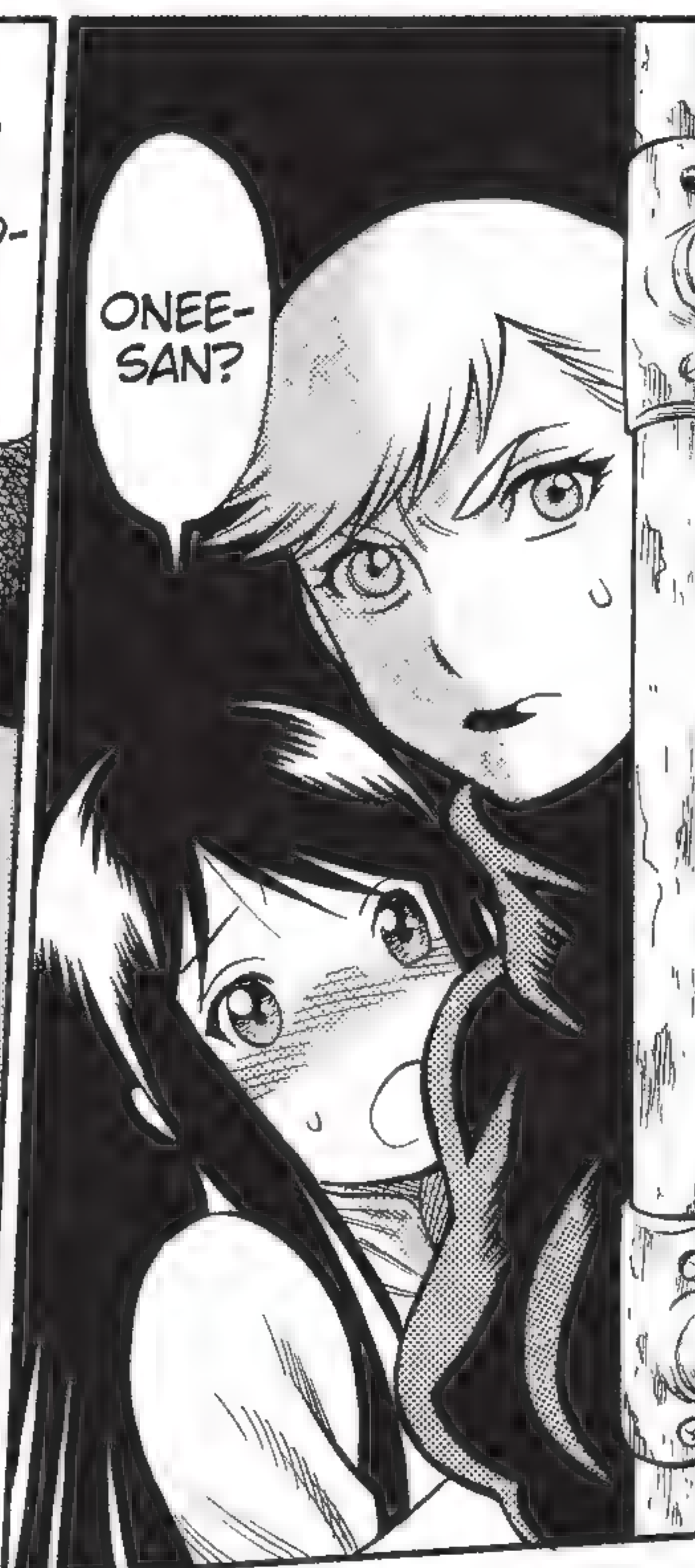
TOO
LATE...



BY
WHAT?
THERE
ISN'T
ANYONE
OUT
THERE.



HUH?
SUR-
ROUND-
ED...?

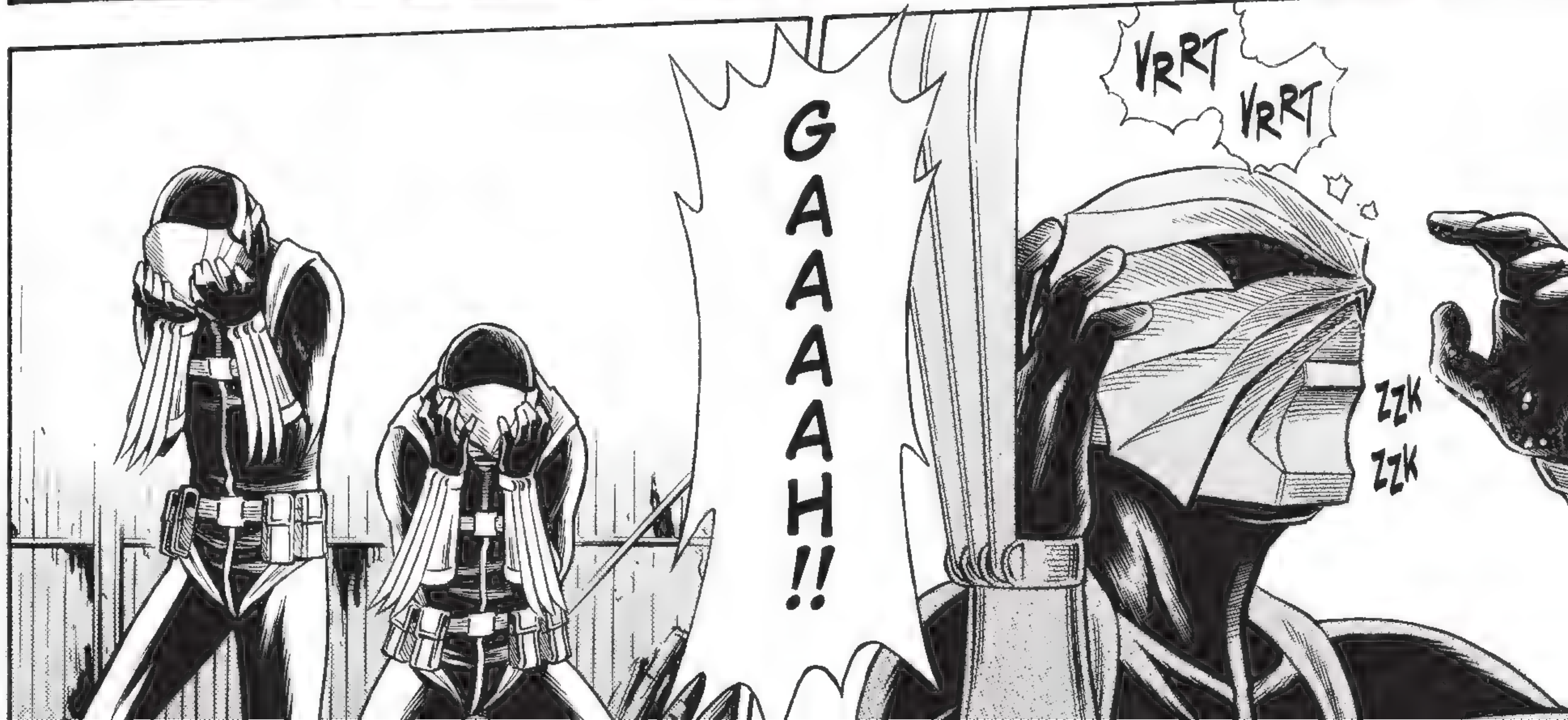


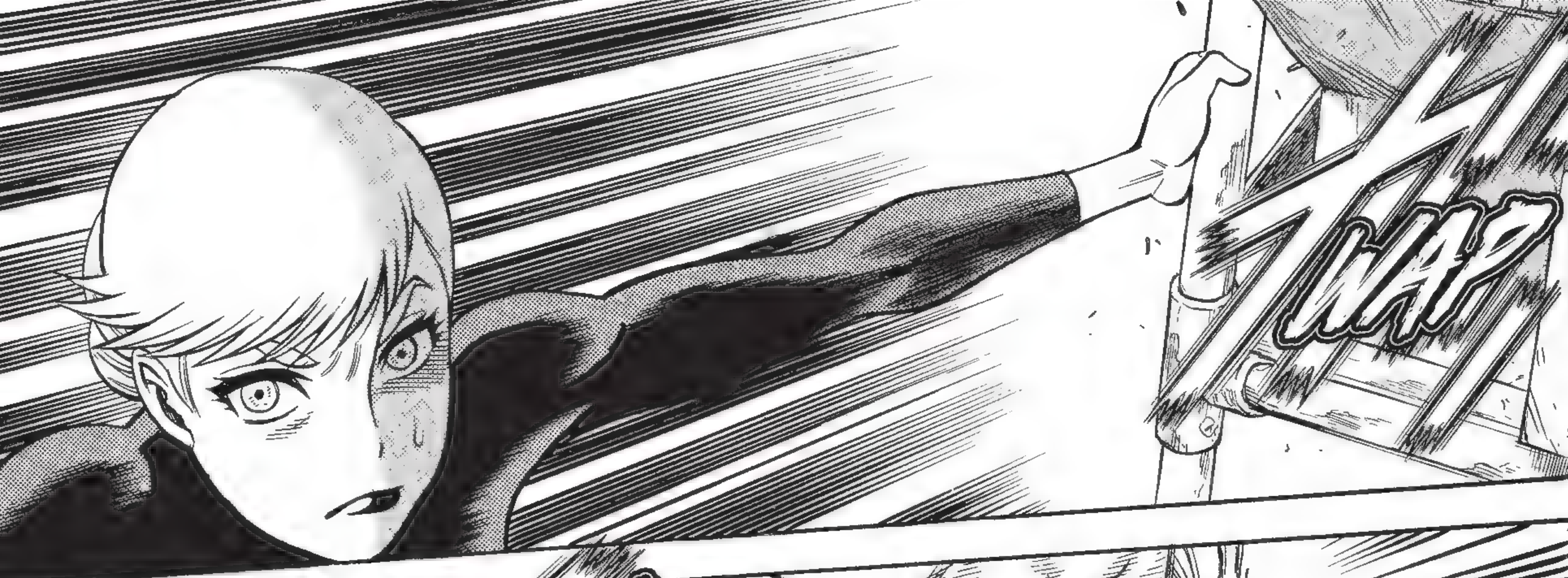
ONEE-
SAN?



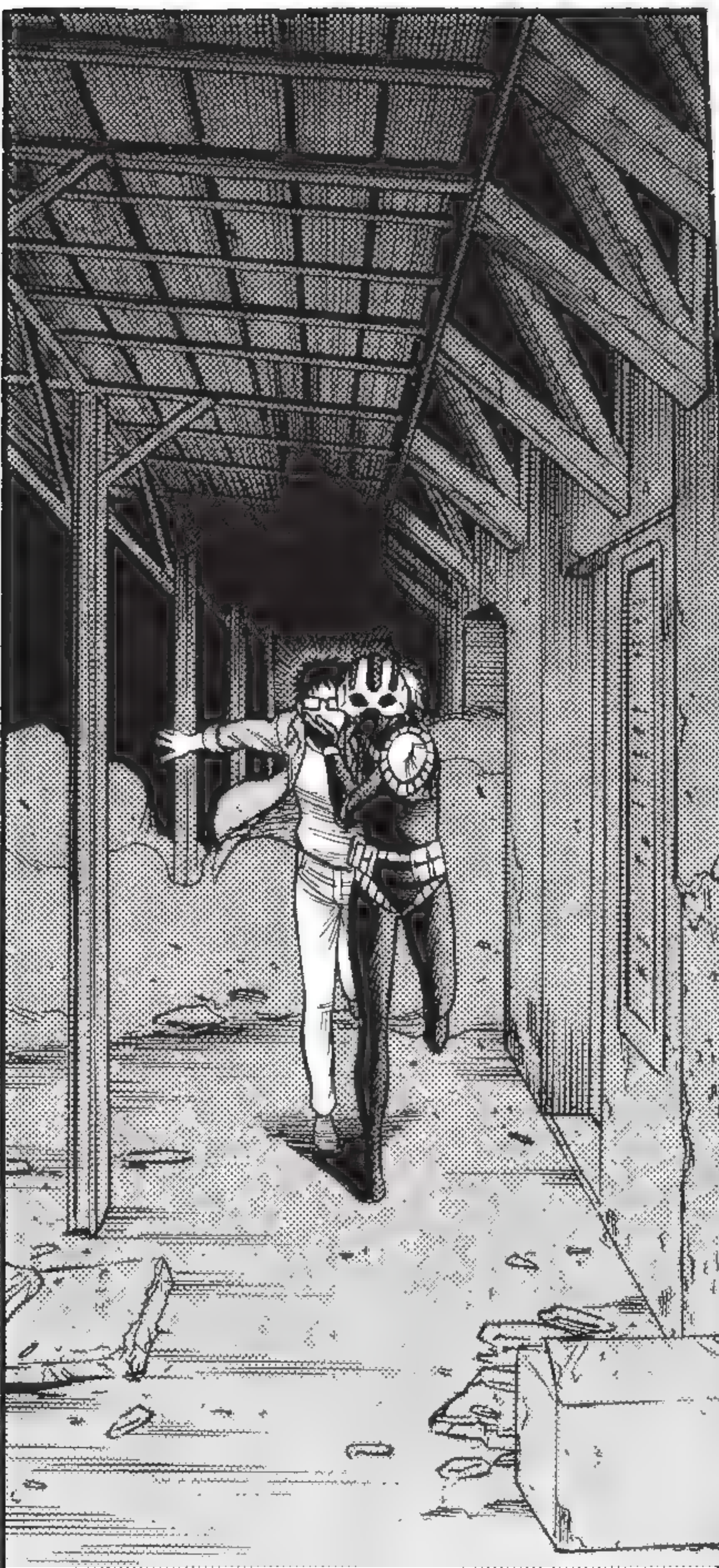
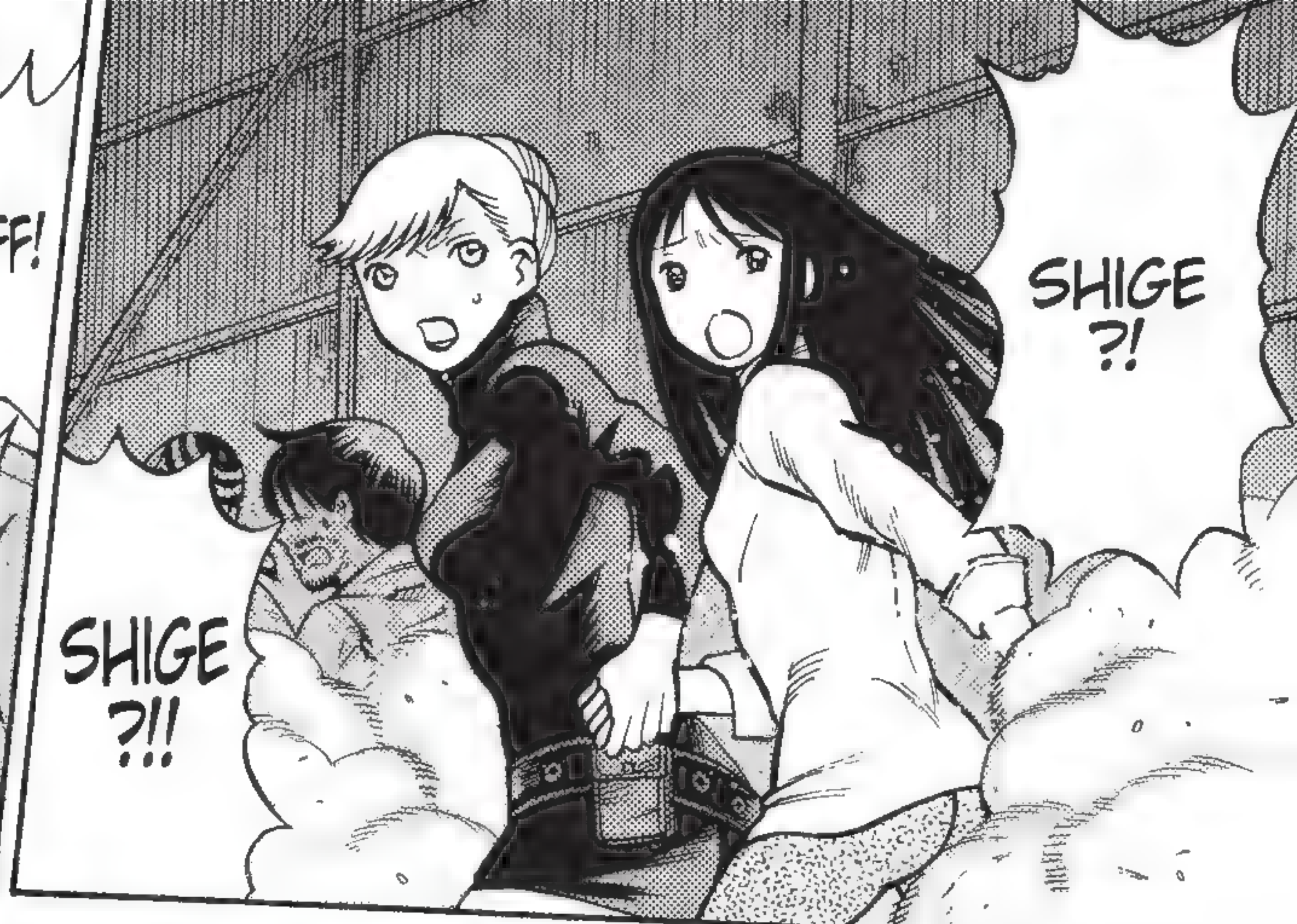
WHAT
?!

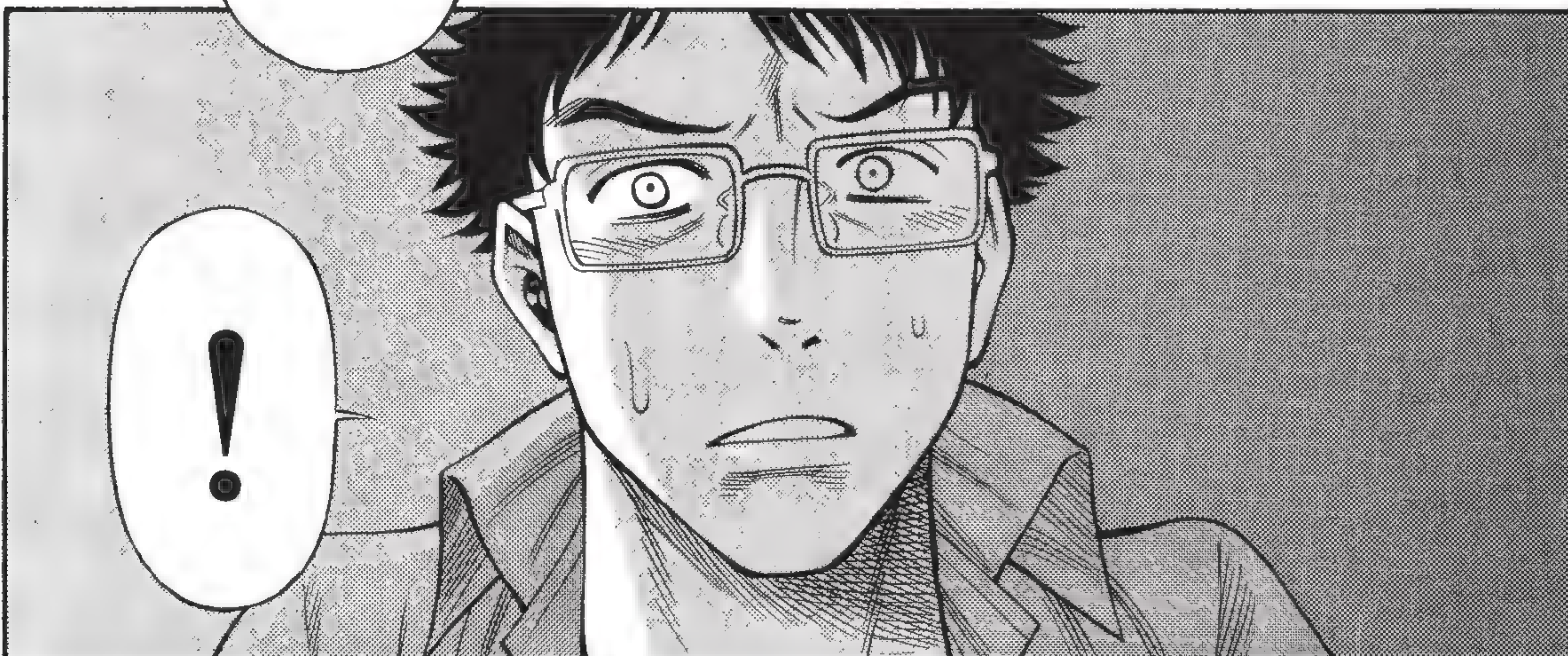
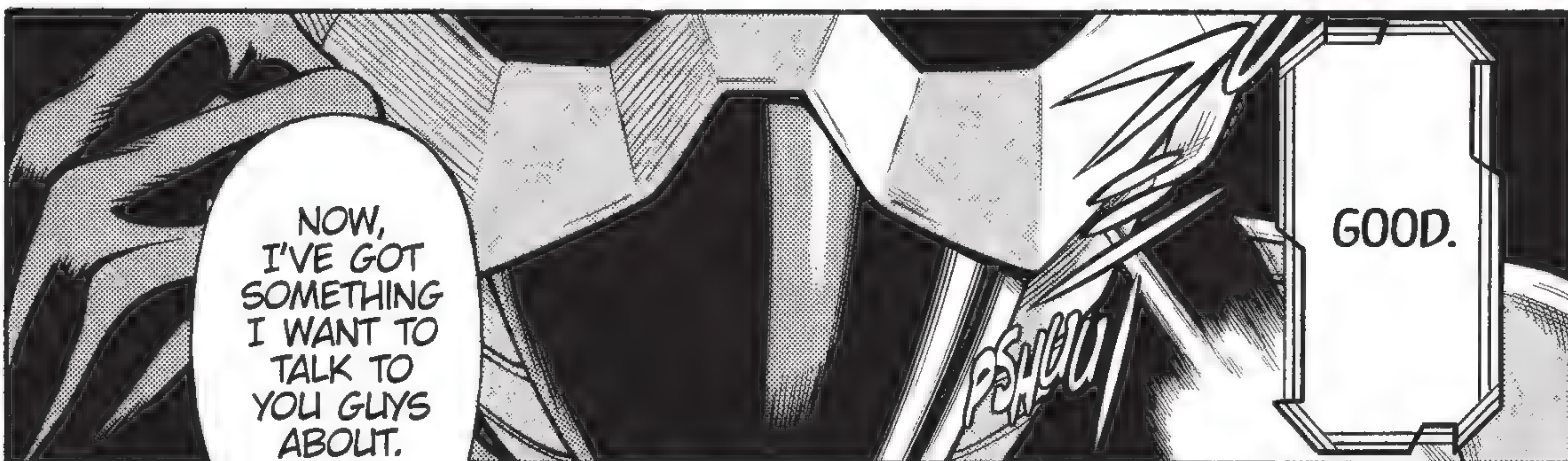
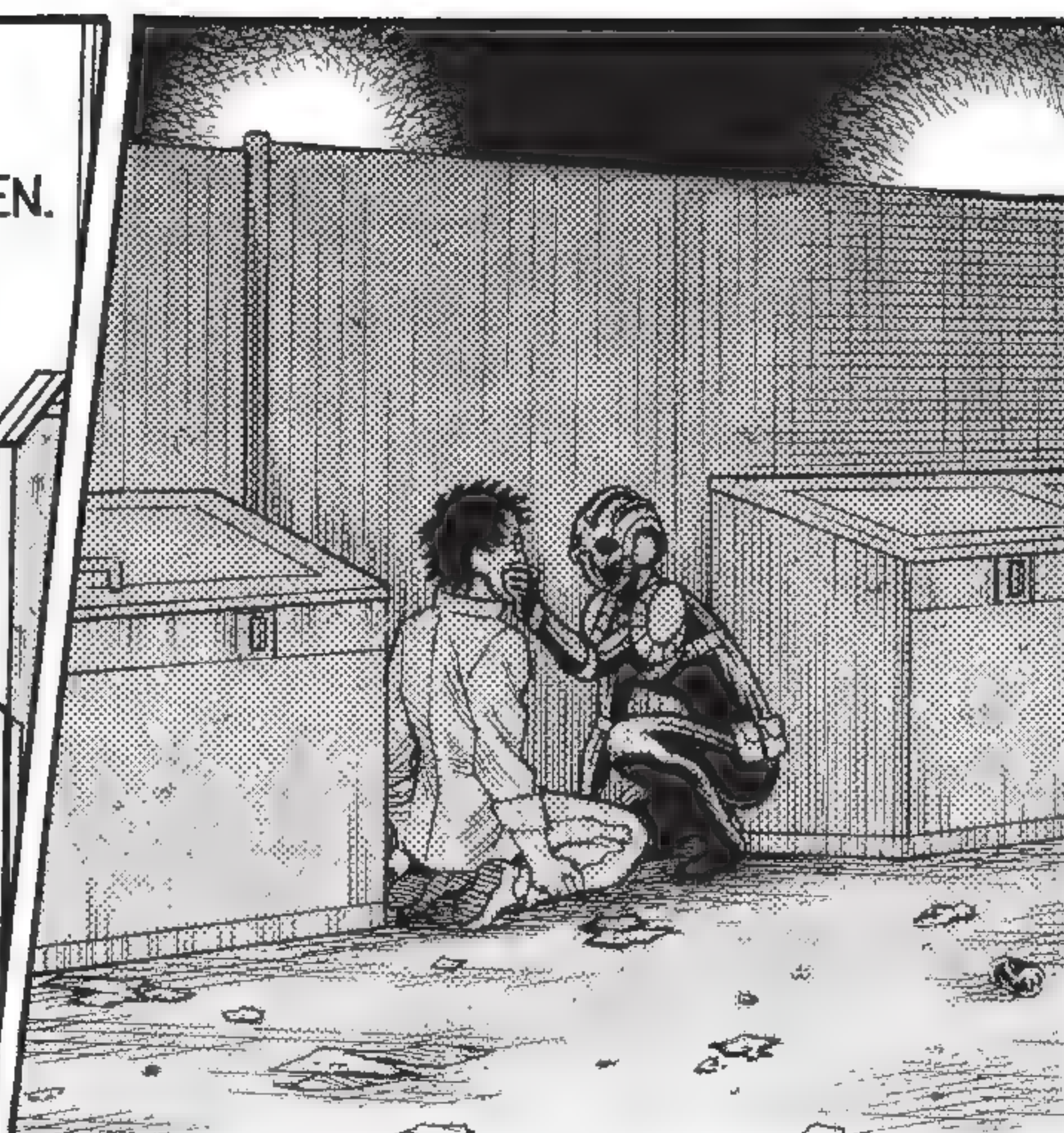
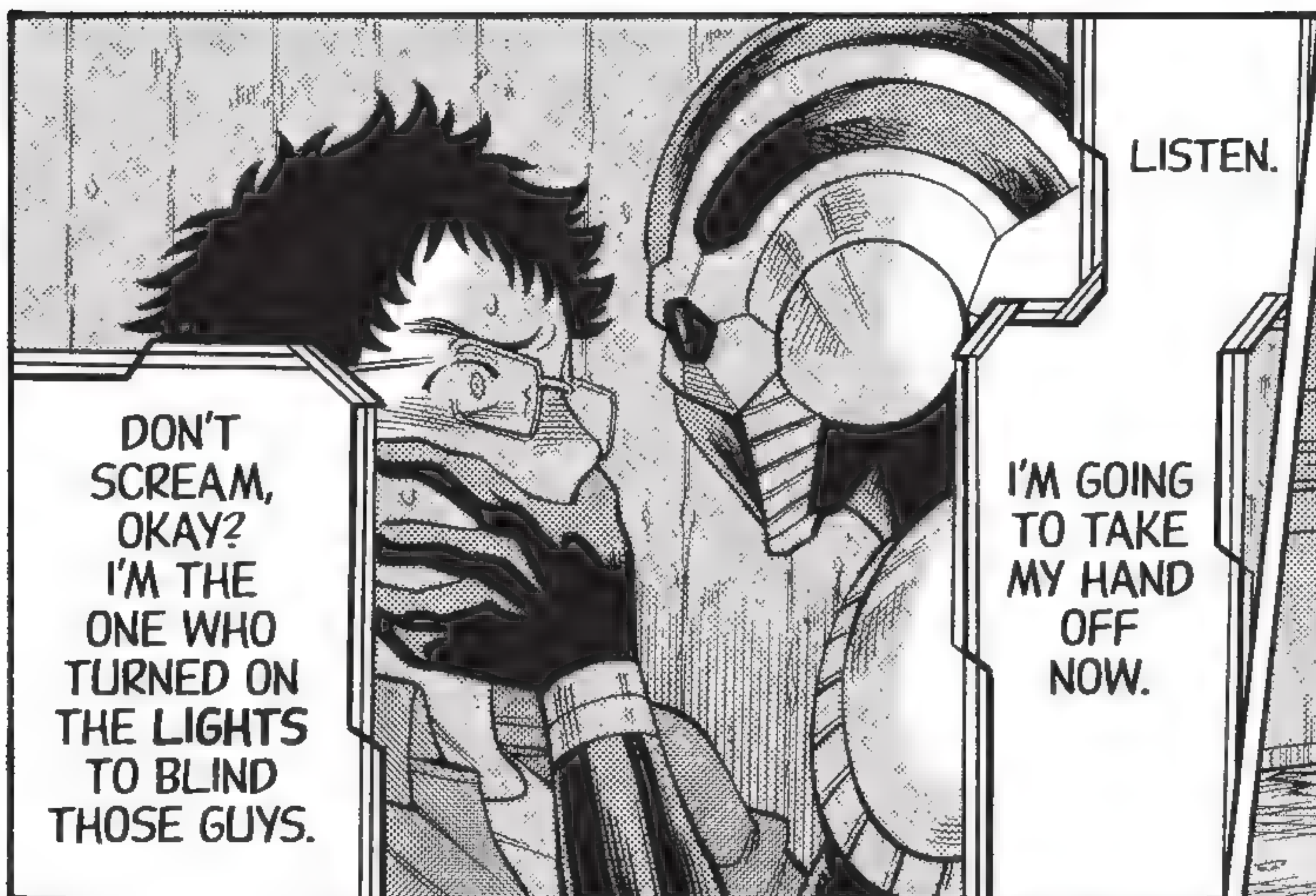
CAN'T
YOU
SEE
THEM?!

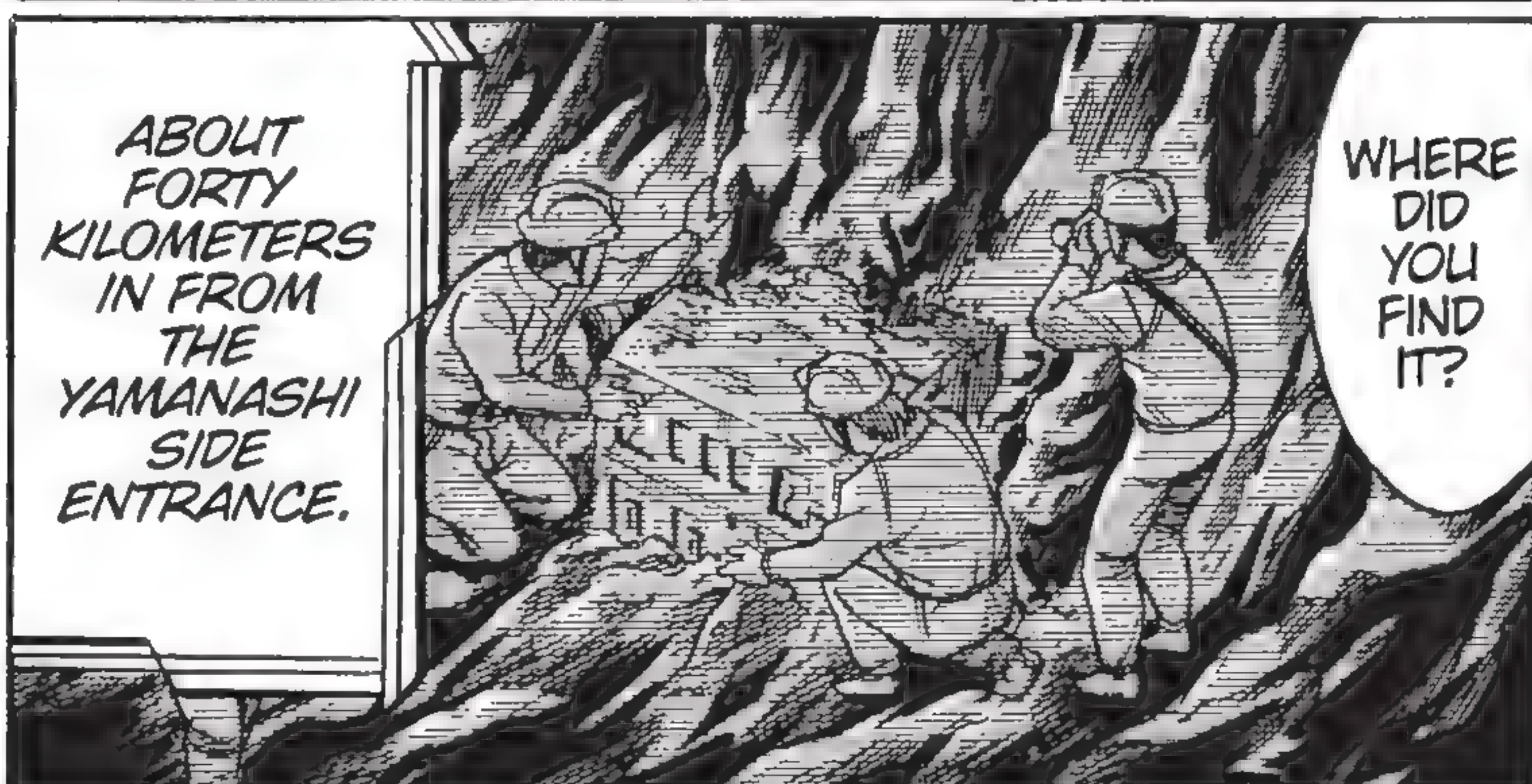
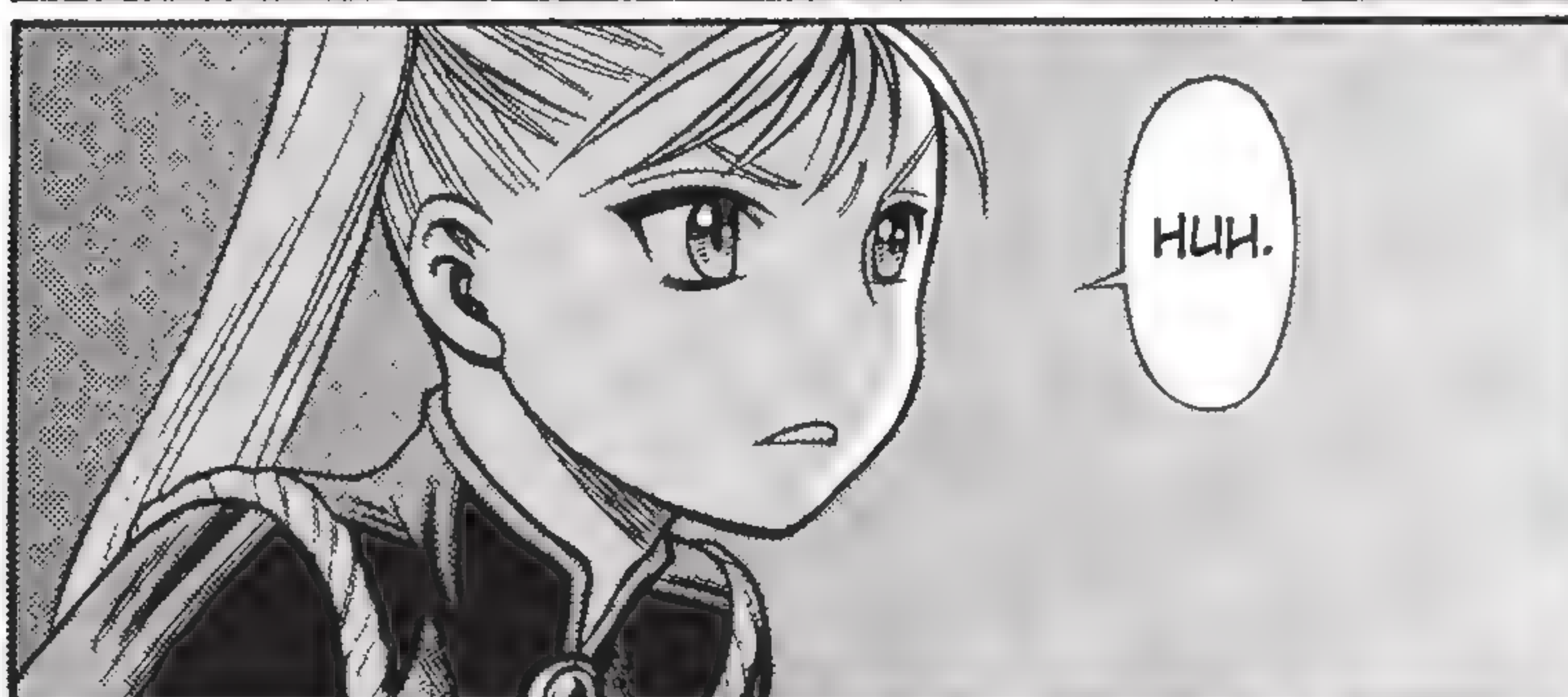
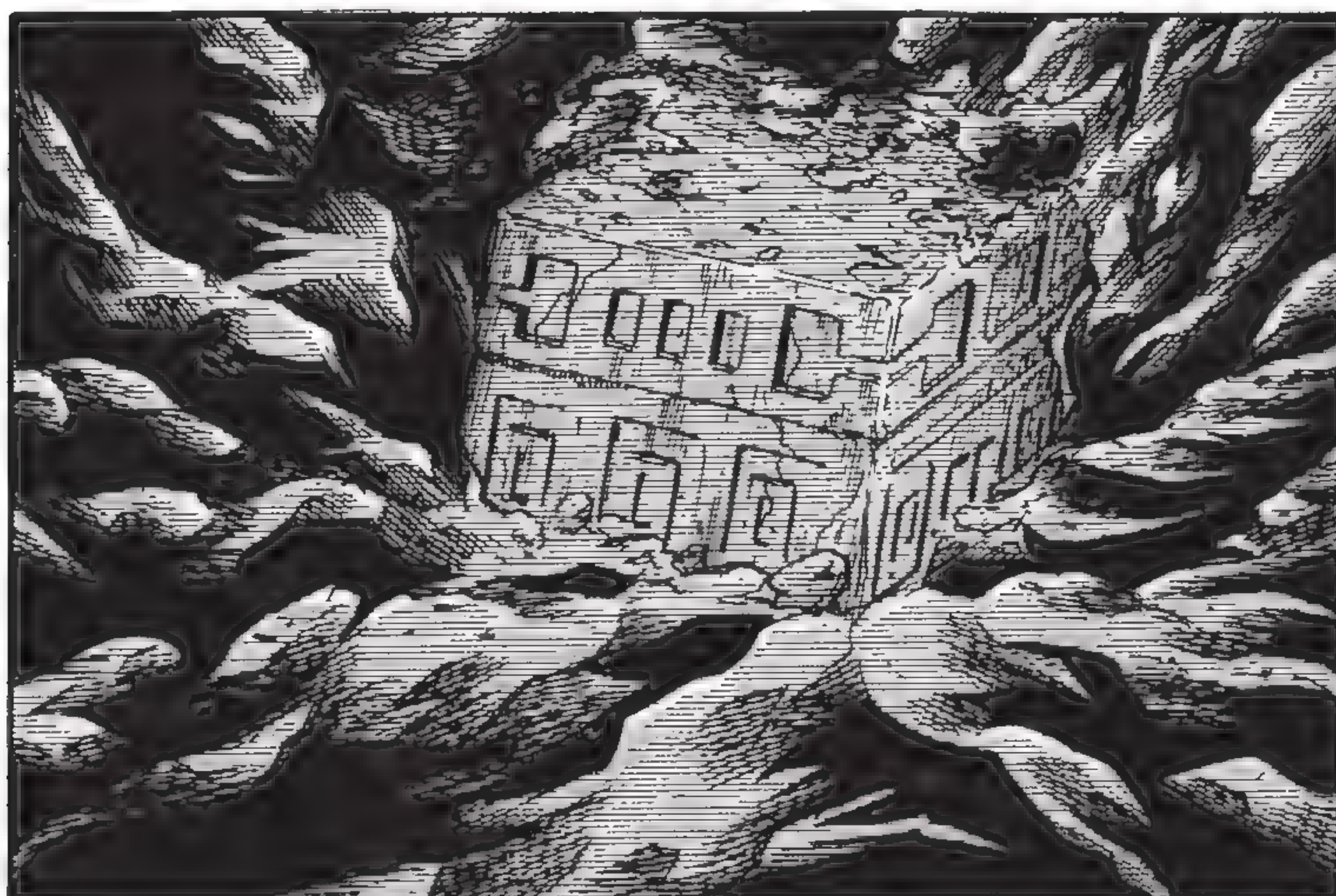


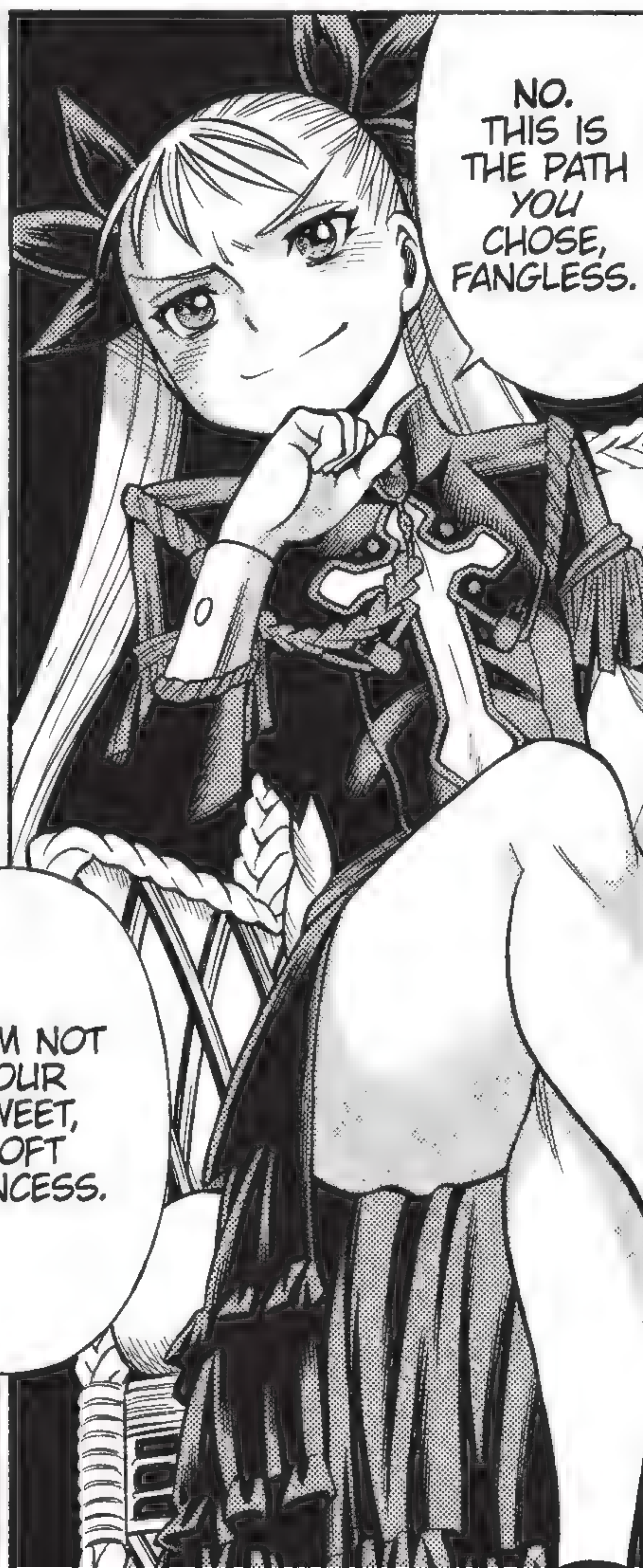
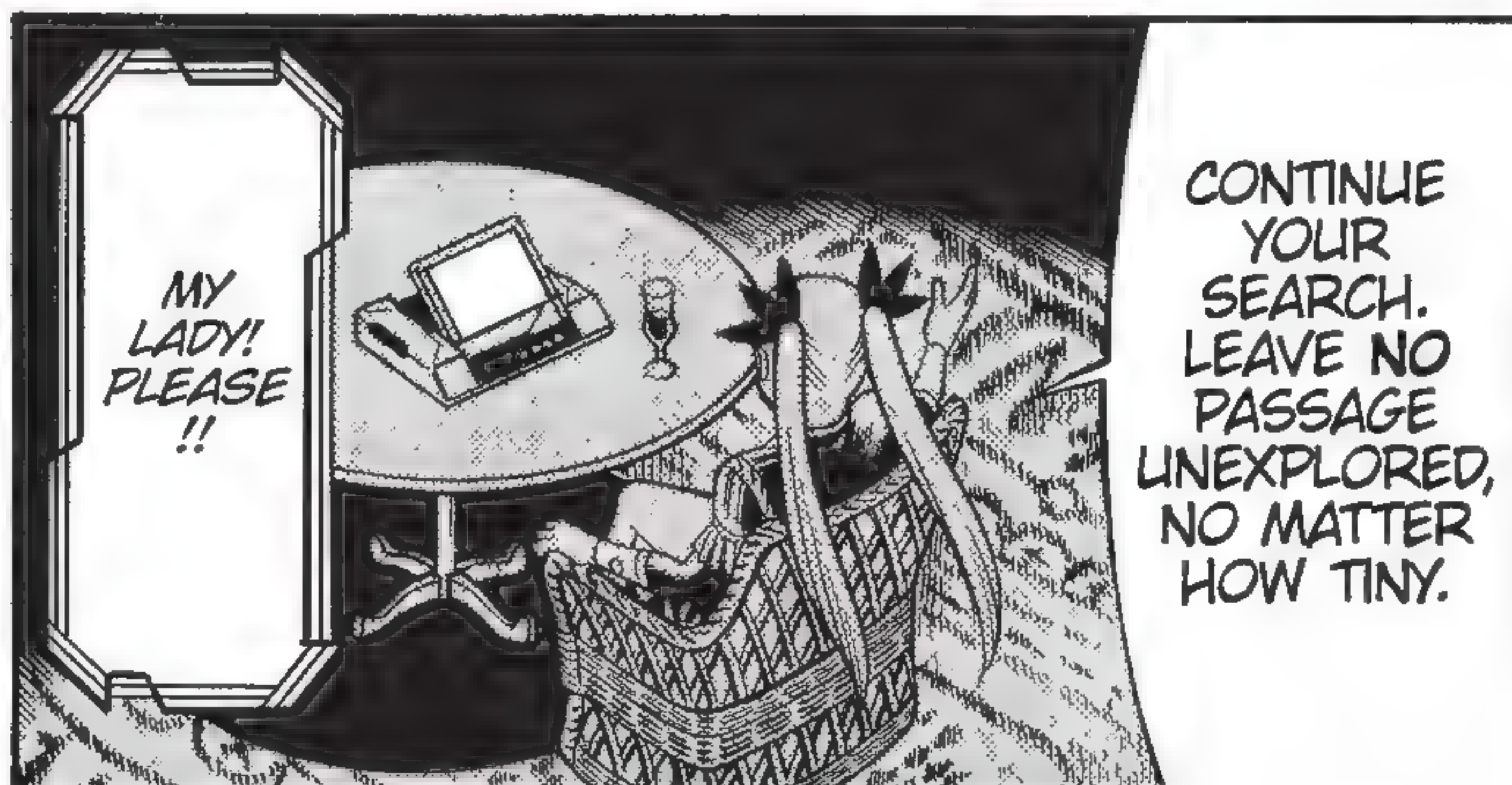
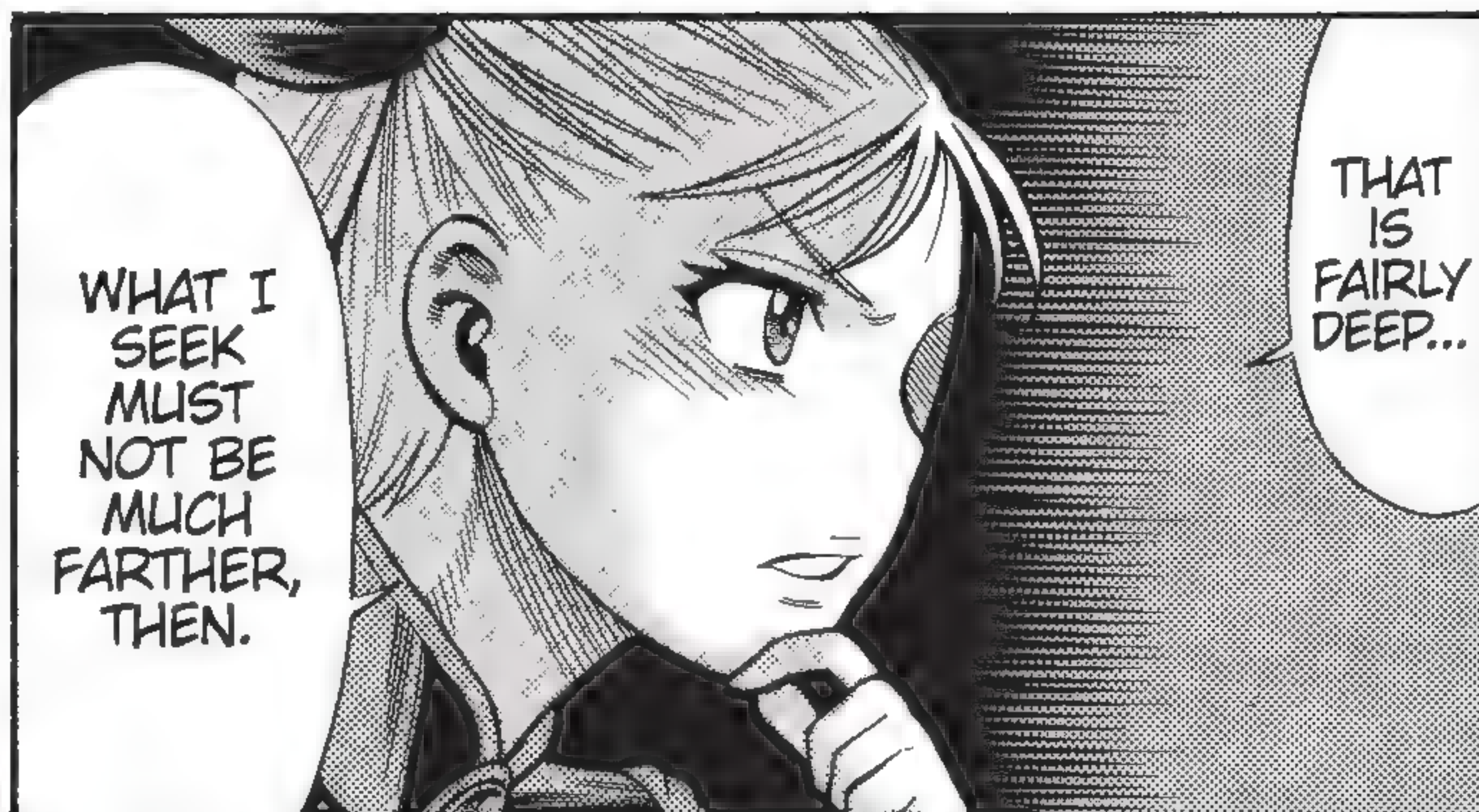


EVERY-
ONE!
RUN!!





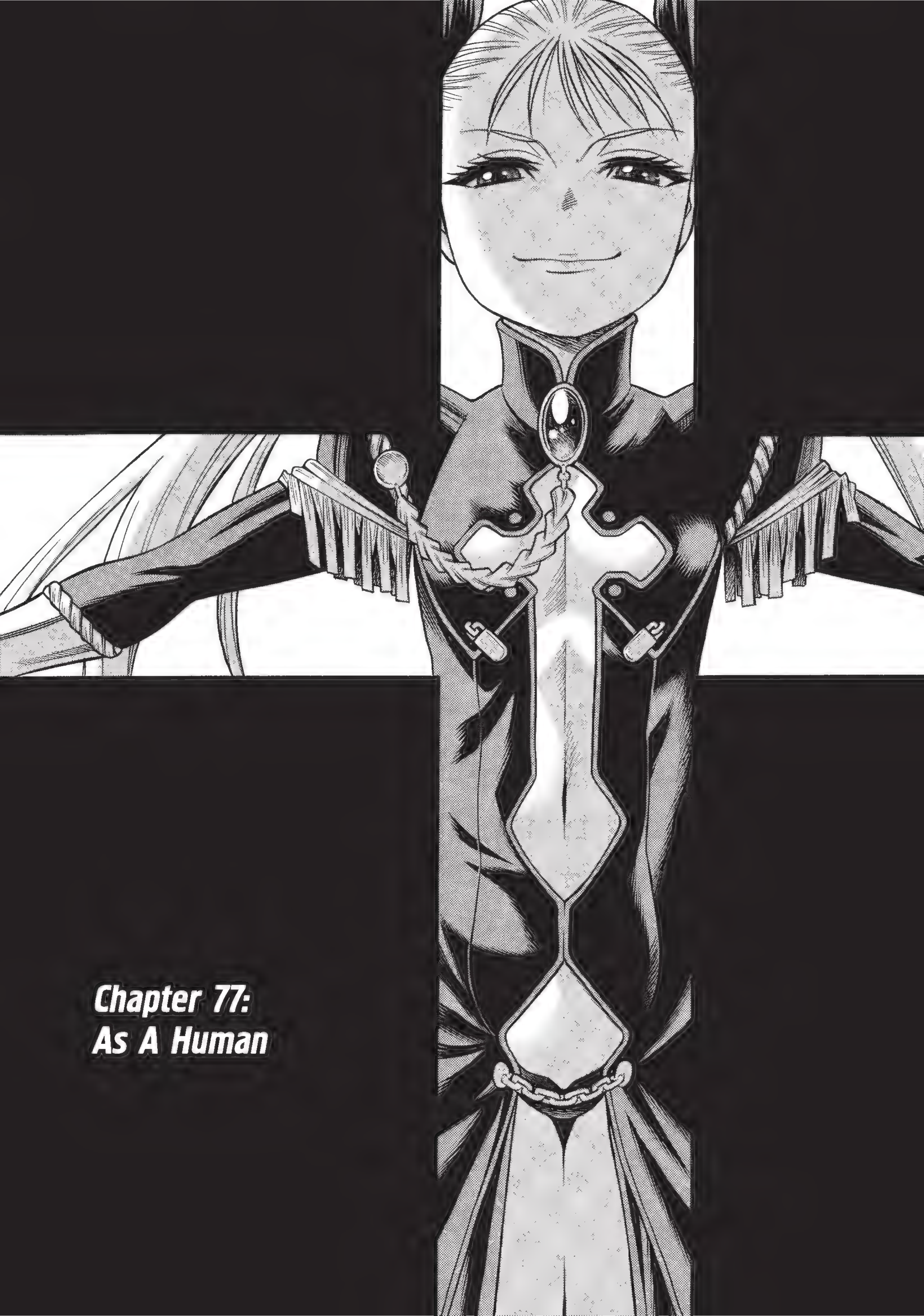




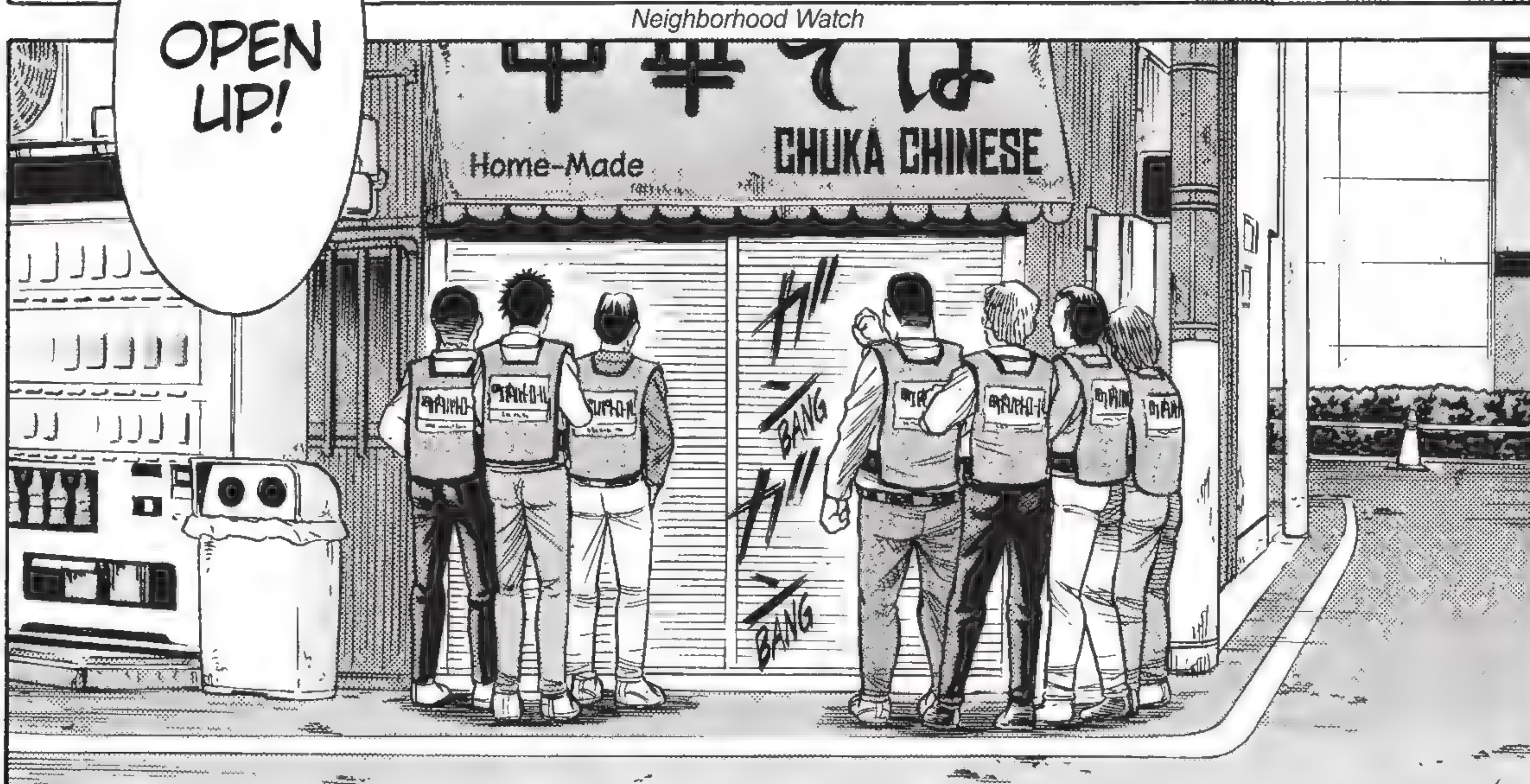
A black and white manga-style illustration. On the left, a character with long, dark hair is seated in a wicker chair. The character is wearing a dark, sleeveless top and a long, light-colored skirt. They are sitting on a patterned rug. In the background, there is a large, ornate structure, possibly a tent or a stage set, with a large, stylized, diamond-shaped emblem on the wall. On the right side of the image, there is a large, stylized, bold text 'アハハハハハハハ' (Aha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha) written vertically, indicating laughter. The overall style is typical of Japanese manga art.

WELL THEN,
WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.

DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME,
AGREED?



***Chapter 77:
As A Human***





WHAT,
ARE
YOU
BLIND?

TAKE A
LOOK
AROUND
YOU.



DID SOME-
THING...
HAPPEN
?

町内パト

ROL SECURITY PA

WHY IS
YOUR
SHOP
CLOSED
UP IN THE
MIDDLE
OF A
WEEKDAY
AFTER-
NOON?



"POLITE,"
MY ASS.

WELL
...?

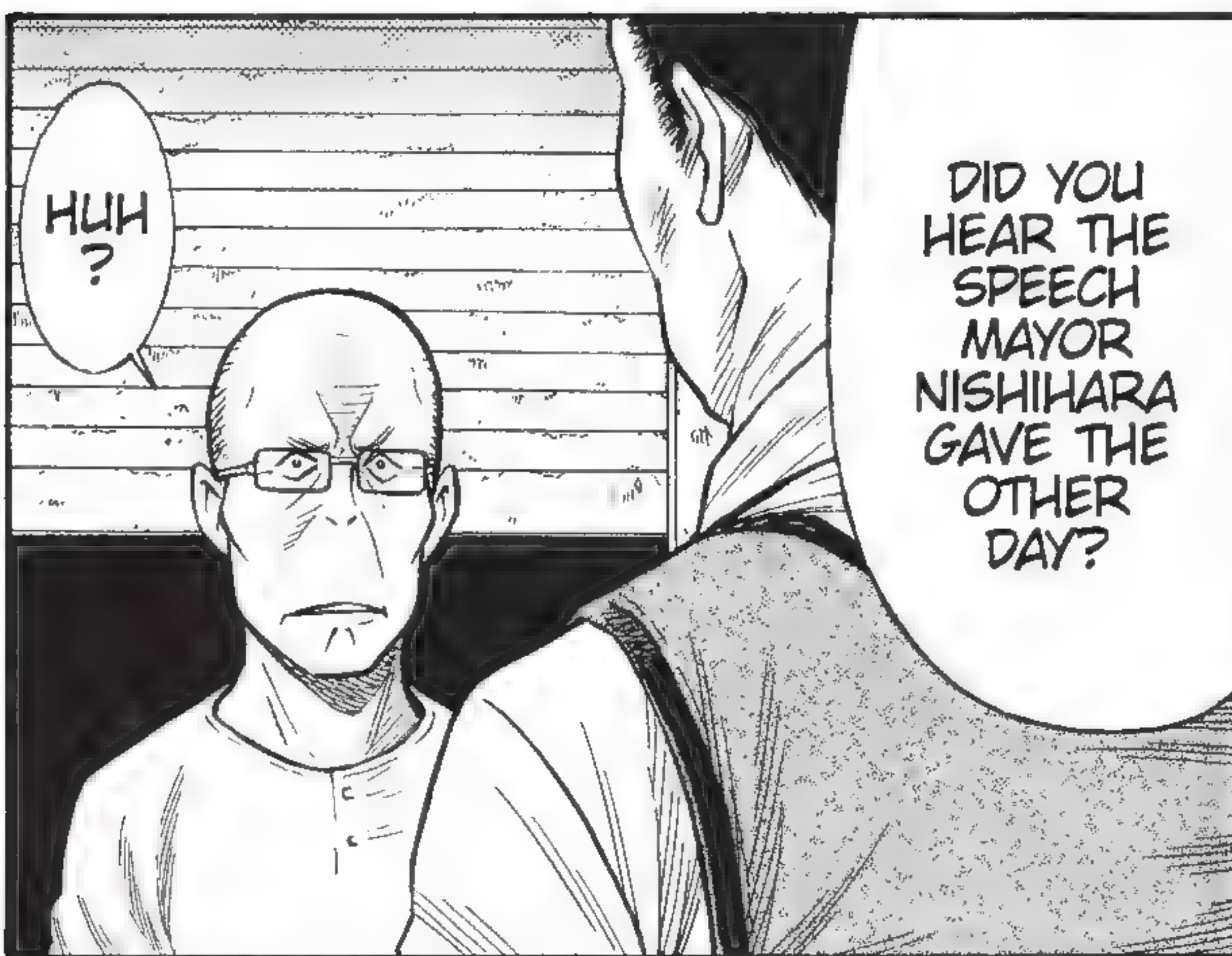
WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT?



IF THERE
AREN'T
GONNA
BE ANY
CUSTOMERS,
WHY OPEN
THE SHOP?

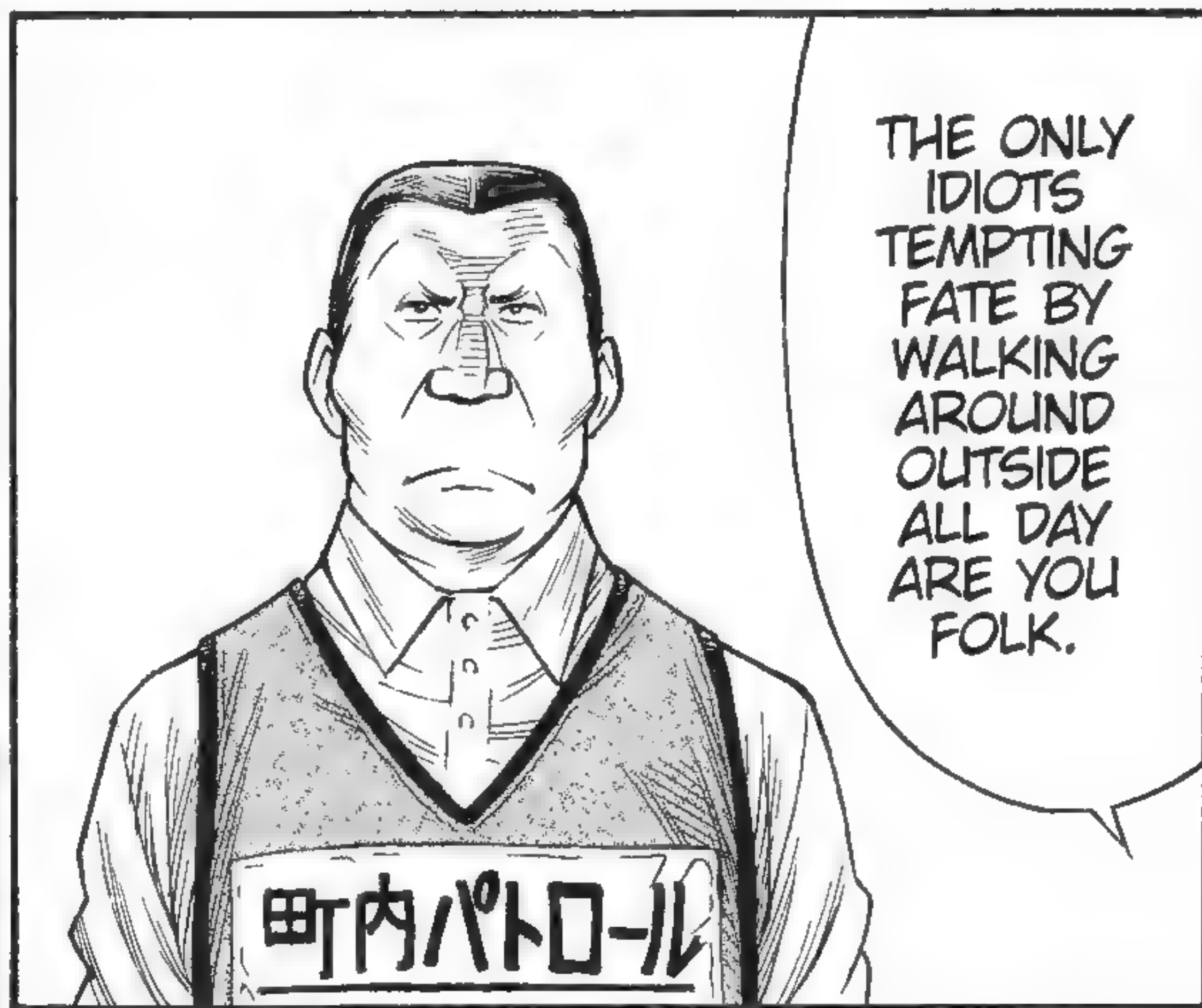
EVERY-
BODY'S
CLOSED
UP.

YES,
IT'S THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
AFTERNOON,
BUT THERE
AIN'T
ANYBODY
HERE.



HUH
?

DID YOU
HEAR THE
SPEECH
MAYOR
NISHIHARA
GAVE THE
OTHER
DAY?



町内パトロール

THE ONLY
IDIOTS
TEMPTING
FATE BY
WALKING
AROUND
OUTSIDE
ALL DAY
ARE YOU
FOLK.



WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?!

GOOD HUMANS WOULD KEEP THEIR SHOP OPEN, EVEN THOUGH THERE AREN'T ANY CUSTOMERS, AS A SHOW OF FAITH TO RAISE EVERYONE'S SPIRITS!

WE HAVE TO SHOW THOSE BLOOD-SUCKERS WE WON'T BE INTIMIDATED! HOW CAN YOU NOT GET THAT?!



"DISASTER HAS FALLEN UPON OUR FAIR CITY, AND IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CITIZENS TO BAND TOGETHER AND FACE IT."

"THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO OPPOSE THIS. THESE SELFISH PEOPLE SEEK ONLY PERSONAL GAIN, AND WHATEVER BEFALLS THEM IS THEIR OWN FAULT."



I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT THAT PUFFED-UP IDIOT NISHIHARA SAID...

BUT YOU'D HAVE TO BE A MORON TO BELIEVE THAT KIND OF FEAR-MONGERING FROM A WORLD WAR II MILITARY YOUTH BRAT!

BESIDES, I'VE NEVER VOTED FOR HIM. NOT EVEN ONCE!



SUSPICIOUS.



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO MAKE RAMEN THAT NOBODY'S GOING TO BUY?

EVEN BOILING A POT OF WATER ISN'T FREE!



NOW,
HOLD
ON!

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

WHO
SAID YOU
COULD
BARGE
INTO MY
SHOP?!



HEY!

ONLY
SOMEBODY
WITH
SOMETHING
TO HIDE
WOULD GO
ON THAT
KIND OF
TIRADE!



COME ON
THEN.
YOU'D BEST
GO IN TOO,
WATANABE-
SAN.

LIM
...

RIGHT.



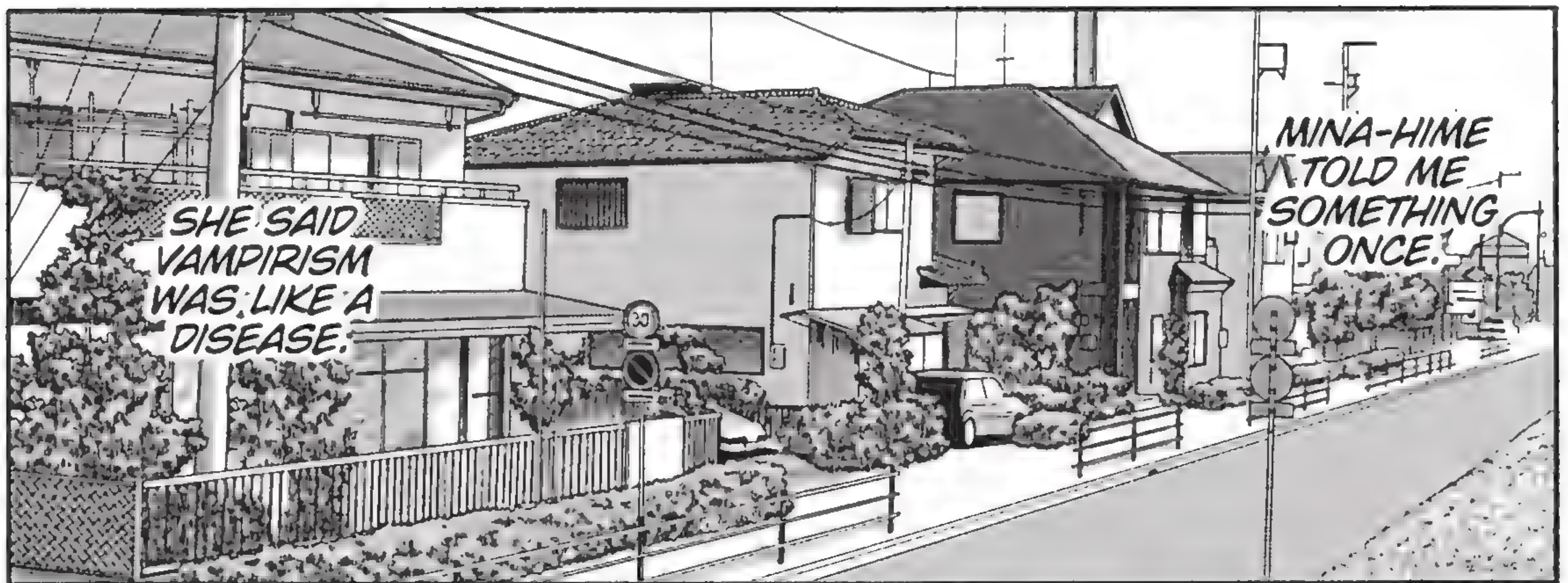
OH
DEAR...
HE HAD
TO GO
AND
MAKE
HIM MAD,
DIDN'T
HE?

IF YOU
DON'T
HAVE
ANYTHING
TO HIDE,
THEN
WHERE'S
THE
PROBLEM
?



TAKEDA-
SAN HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN AN
ARDENT
SUP-
PORTER
OF THE
MAYOR.

WHY, WHEN HE
WAS YOUNGER,
HE WOULD READ
EVERY ONE OF
THE MAYOR'S
POLITICAL ESSAYS,
AND DO HIS BEST
TO EMULATE
THEM.



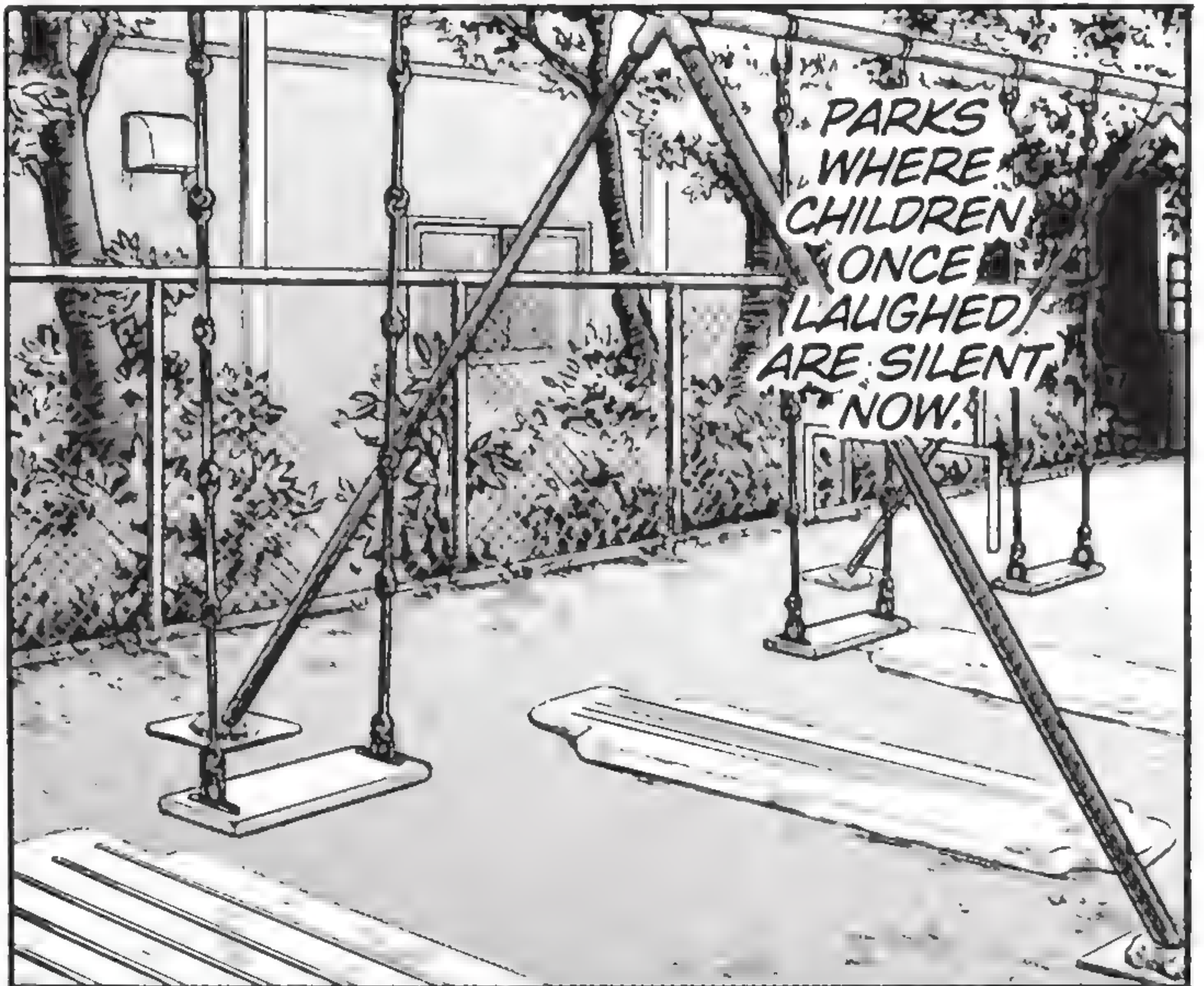
SHE SAID
VAMPIRISM
WAS LIKE A
DISEASE.

MINA-HIME
TOLD ME
SOMETHING
ONCE.

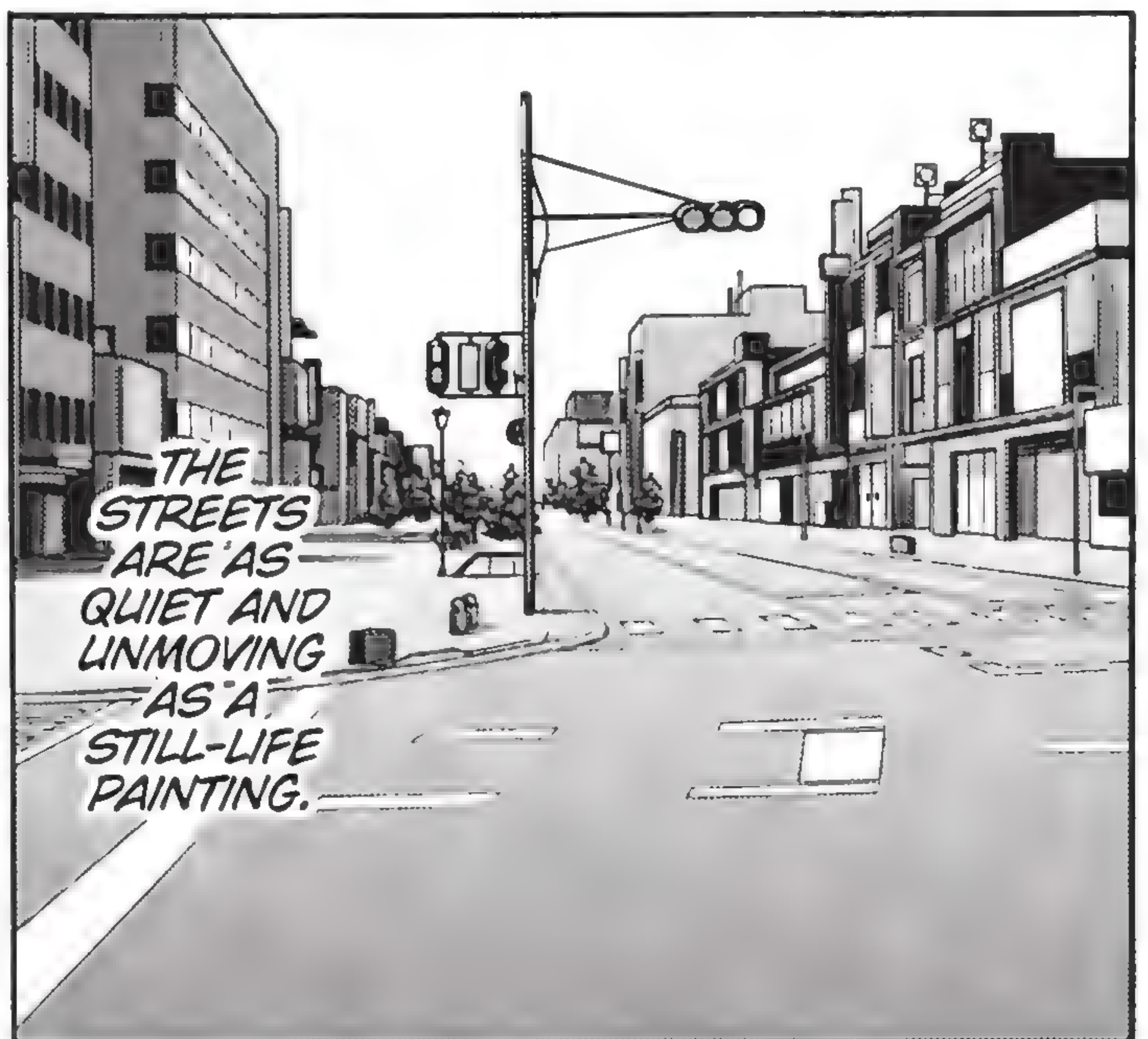


MUCH LIKE
THE GREAT
INFLUENZA
PANDEMIC
OF 1918...

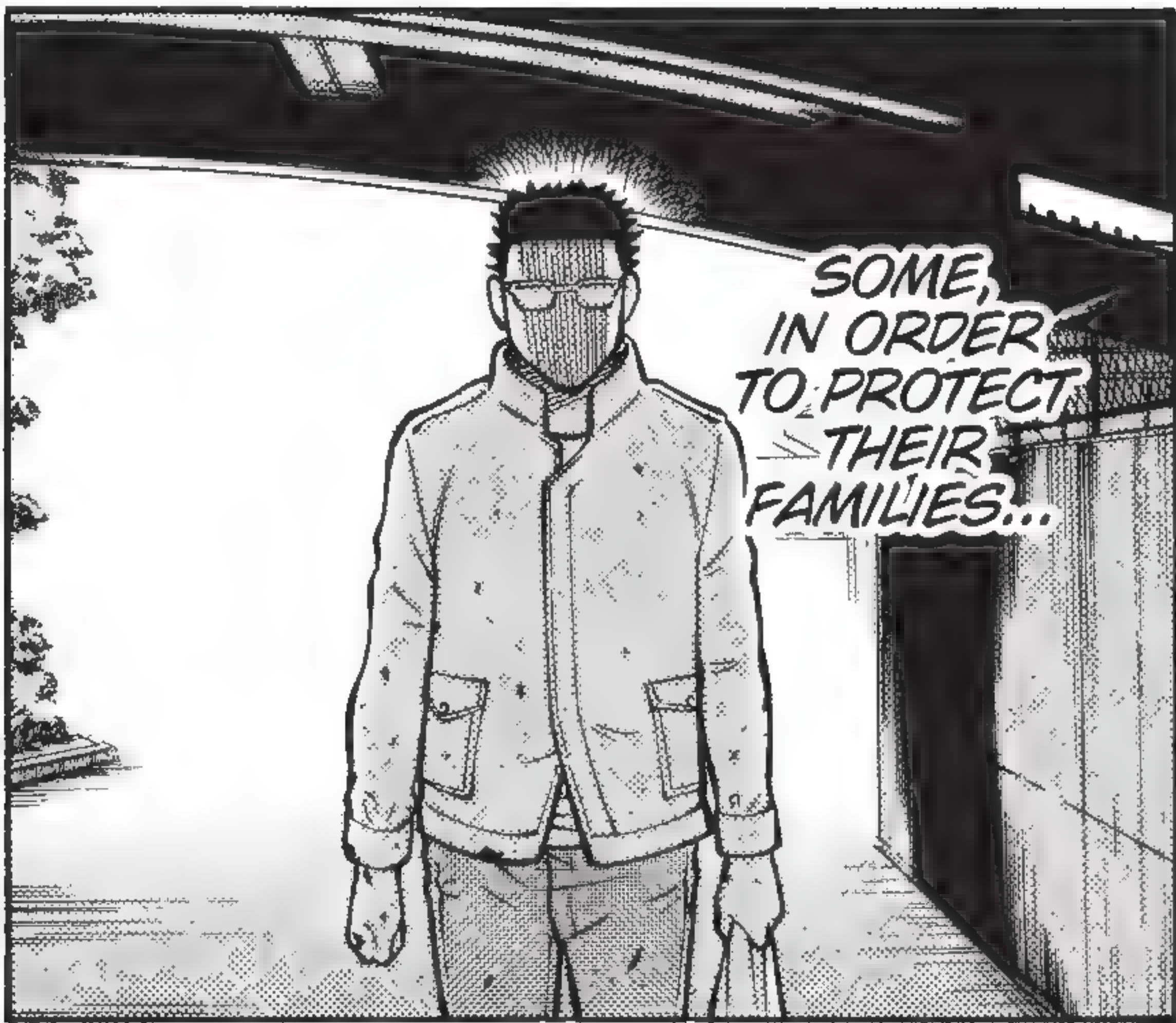
THIS NEW
VAMPIRISM
EPIDEMIC
IS A
DISASTER
THAT HAS
STOLEN
THE LIFE
OF THE
CITY.



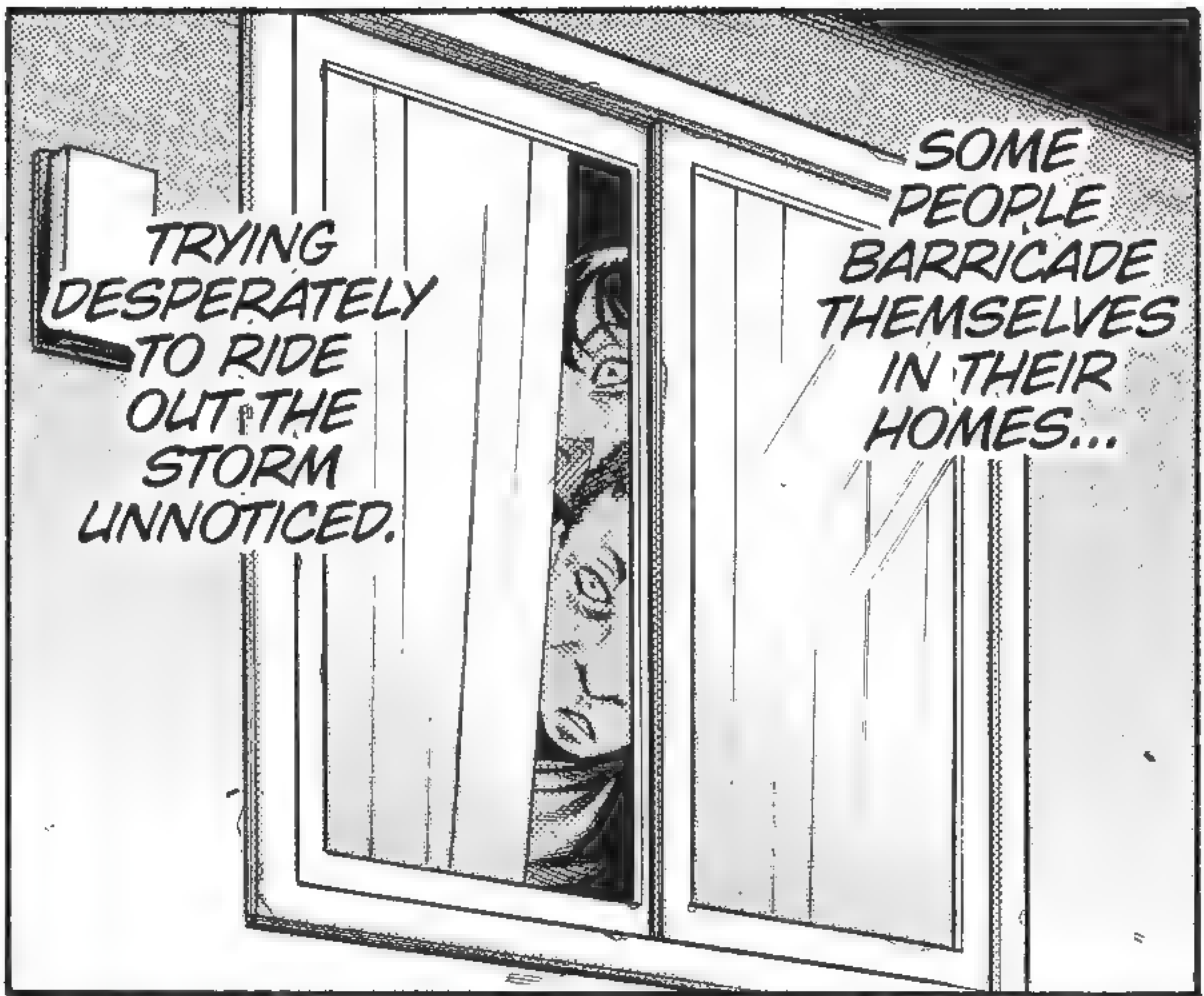
PARKS
WHERE
CHILDREN
ONCE
LAUGHED
ARE SILENT
NOW.



THE
STREETS
ARE AS
QUIET AND
UNMOVING
AS A
STILL-LIFE
PAINTING.



SOME,
IN ORDER
TO PROTECT
THEIR
FAMILIES...



TRYING
DESPERATELY
TO RIDE
OUT THE
STORM
UNNOTICED.

SOME
PEOPLE
BARRICADE
THEMSELVES
IN THEIR
HOMES...

#vampire Search Results Tweets / Top

kazuhiro (Yamada Kazuhiro)

[PUBLIC] Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals is owned by the Tepes family! They make the artificial blood called "Stigma." Hospital patients who received a transfusion of this artificial blood became vampires! Ask your hospital to stop using Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals products today!
#vampire 10 sec. ago

boom boom

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#vampire 20 sec. ago

tintin (TamTam)

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#vampire 1 min. ago

Bonbon (Young Master)

1st hand source! RT@Rumpelstilzchen ~A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfer turned into a vampire!
#vampire 1 min. ago

CHIKUTAKU (Watchmaker)

[PUBLIC] Be careful! Vampires have a gel that will protect them from sunlight! Just because you see someone outside in the sun doesn't mean they aren't a vampire!
#vampire 2 min. ago

Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)

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#vampire 3 min. ago

Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)

[PUBLIC] RT@Natalie ~A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfer turned into a vampire!
#vampire 4 min. ago

Neutered Alie

[PUBLIC] RT@Natalie ~A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfer turned into a vampire!
#vampire 5 min. ago

Bonbon (Young Master)

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#vampire 6 min. ago

CHIKUTAKU (Watchmaker)

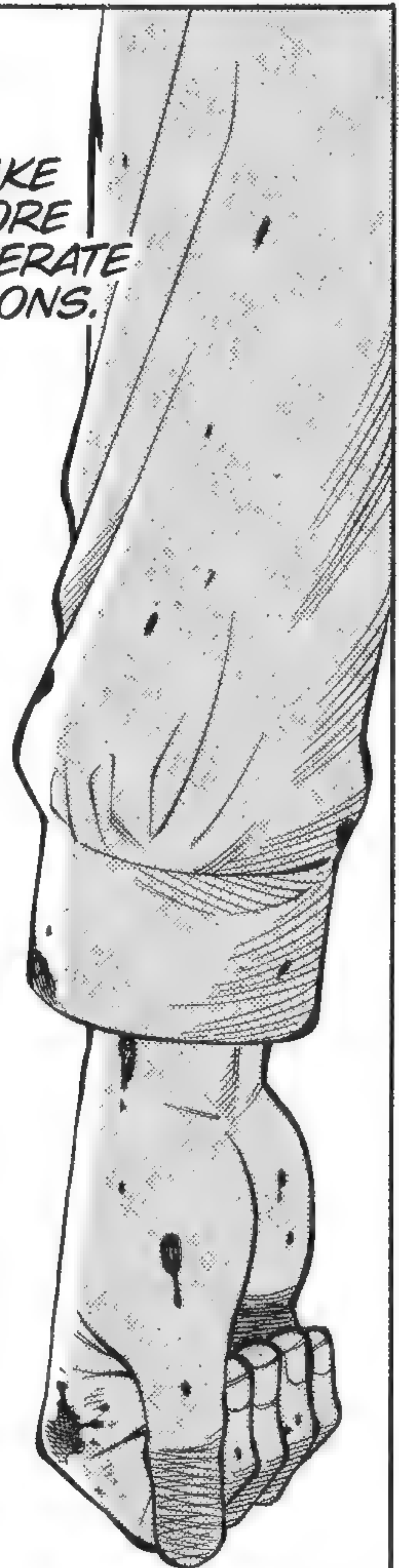
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#vampire 15 min. ago

**RUMOR,
HEARSAY, AND
STRAIGHT-UP FALSE
INFORMATION
ARE SPREADING
EVERYWHERE,
PUSHED ON
BY PEOPLE'S
DISTRUST OF THE
GOVERNMENT.**

AN INVISIBLE
THREAT HAS
STRUCK
FEAR INTO
EVERYONE...

SPREADING
TERROR
MORE
VIRULENT
THAN ANY
PLAGUE.

TAKE
MORE
DESPERATE
ACTIONS.



FACTS AND
COMMON SENSE
ARE PASSED
OVER FOR
GROUNDLESS,
UNPROVEN
FABRICATIONS.

Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)
The report on Sigrée announced by the Ministry of Health
gathered by pro-human organization

According to an insider,

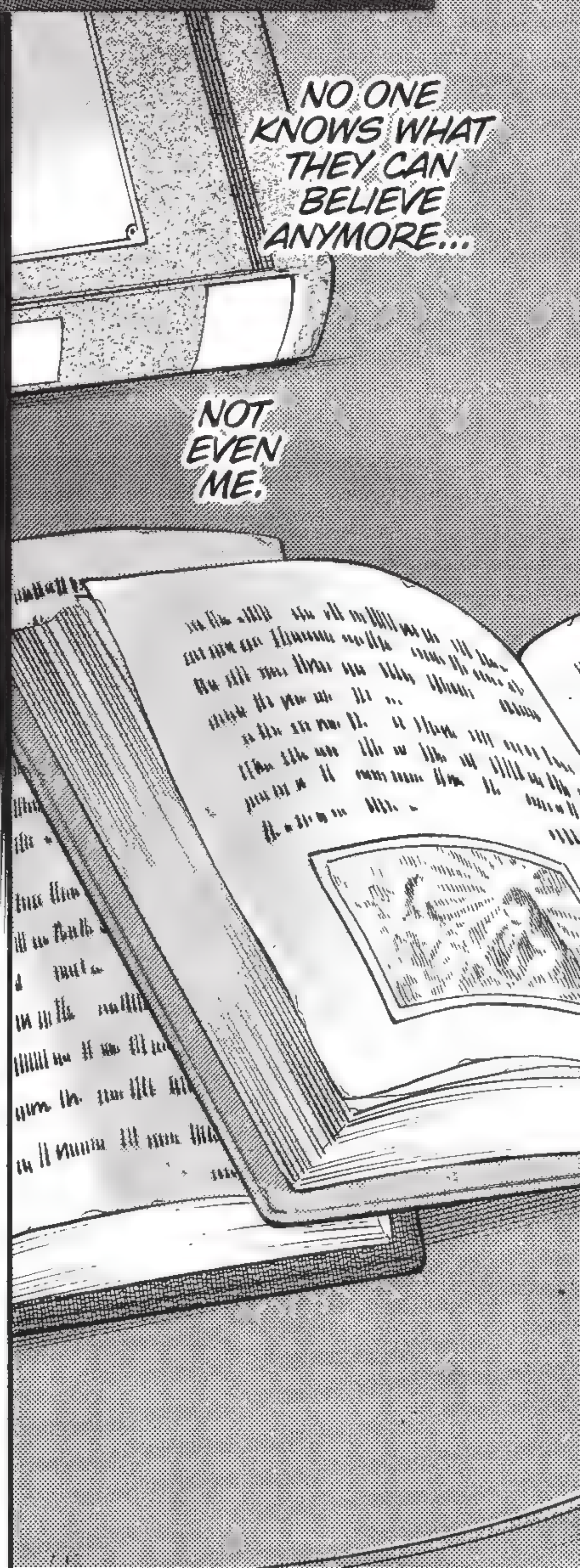
Recent research from a French scientist proves that certain kinds
of vampires are resistant to the effects of UV light. The vampires
attacking us are that special type! I'm sure of it!

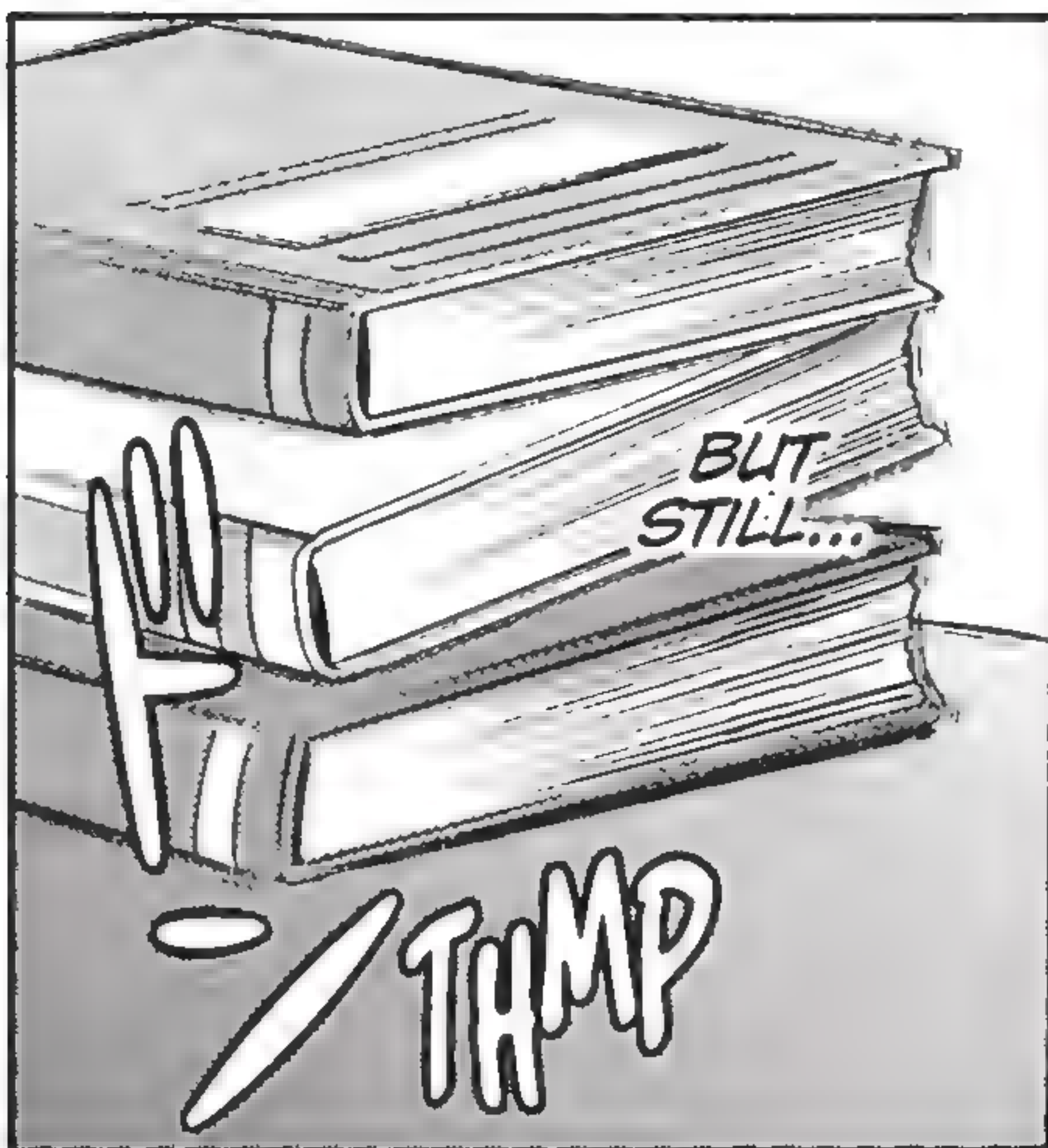
Just be TO FIND
they SOMETHING, ANYTHING THEY
ha CAN TRUST IN.

This is all true! I saw it with my own eyes!!

NO ONE
KNOWS WHAT
THEY CAN
BELIEVE
ANYMORE...

NOT
EVEN
ME.







YES, HE WAS ALWAYS A SHARP PERSON...



HER HIGHNESS MERELY DID WHAT SHE MUST AS RULER.

IN-DEED.

"THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE."

AND HE NEVER SPARED AKIRA-KUN-- OR EVEN HIME-SAMA-- THE ACERBIC SIDE OF HIS TONGUE.

SHOULD I BE HAPPY? OR SHALL I BE SAD?

IN THE END, EVERYTHING HE DID WAS ALWAYS FOR HIME-SAMA'S SAKE.

I THOUGHT HIS DEVOTION TO HER, THOUGH HE HID IT WELL, WAS ROCK-SOLID.

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT...

EVEN NOW.

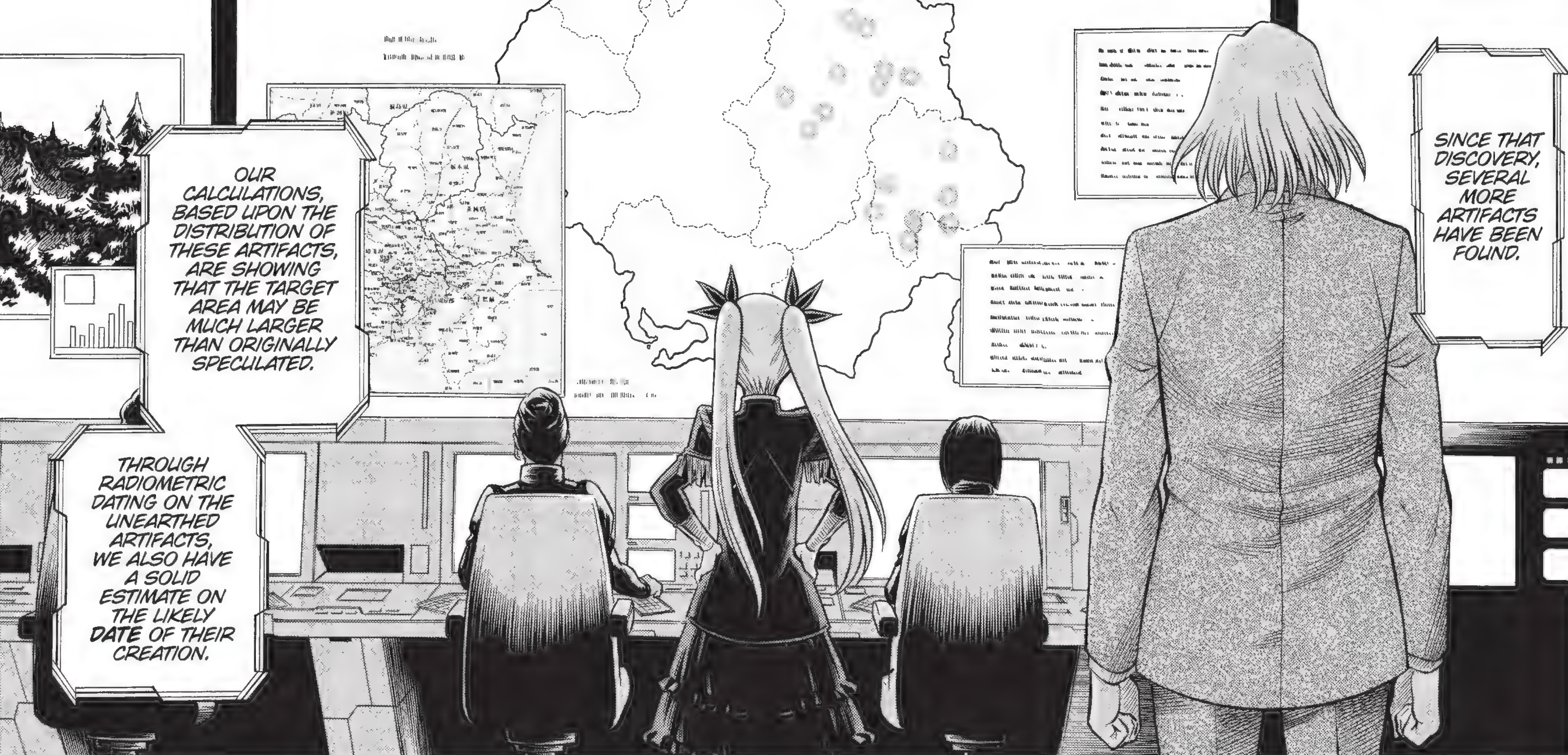


HOW COULD HE BETRAY HIME-SAMA?

I HAVE TO FIGURE THAT NOT JUST THE INTERNET, BUT ALL INFORMATION GOING INTO AND OUT OF THE BUND IS BEING MONITORED.



OVERSEEN BY THE BUND'S OWN INTELLIGENCE DIVISION AND ITS LEADER, DUKE BORGIANI.



OUR CALCULATIONS, BASED UPON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ARTIFACTS, ARE SHOWING THAT THE TARGET AREA MAY BE MUCH LARGER THAN ORIGINALLY SPECULATED.

THROUGH RADIOMETRIC DATING ON THE UNEARTHED ARTIFACTS, WE ALSO HAVE A SOLID ESTIMATE ON THE LIKELY DATE OF THEIR CREATION.

SINCE THAT DISCOVERY, SEVERAL MORE ARTIFACTS HAVE BEEN FOUND.

YOU HAVE AN IDEA OF WHERE THAT IS, YES?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT FRINGE DETRITUS! I WANT WHAT THEY GUARD AT THEIR CENTER.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

HMPH. WHAT FOOLS THEY ARE...

DO NOT FORGET THOSE WORDS. I WILL HOLD YOU TO THEM.

ERM... WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE GOOD NEWS ON THAT FRONT IN A DAY OR TWO.

YES.

ALL ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA, CORRECT?

JUST A LITTLE PEEK INTO HIS MIND.

SOMETIMES, I WISH I COULD GET A PEEK...

"LOST
HISTORY,"
EH?

THEIR
OWN
HISTORY
...

POISON
SPREADS
AT THEIR
FEET...

A LOST
PAST...

AND THEY
LOST IT
TO THE
MISTS OF
TIME.

AND ALL
THEY DO
IS HOP
ABOUT IN
FEAR, LIKE
SCARED
LITTLE
RABBITS.

THEY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
LIES SLEEPING
BENEATH
THEM, HIDDEN
THERE SINCE
ANTIQUITY.



OUR PROBLEM IS THIS.

HOW WILL THE THREE GREAT CLANS VIEW THIS WAR, AND WHAT WILL THEY DO?



I THINK WE MAY RULE OUT LI IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

THOUGH WE CANNOT SAY HE WON'T DO SO, EVENTUALLY.

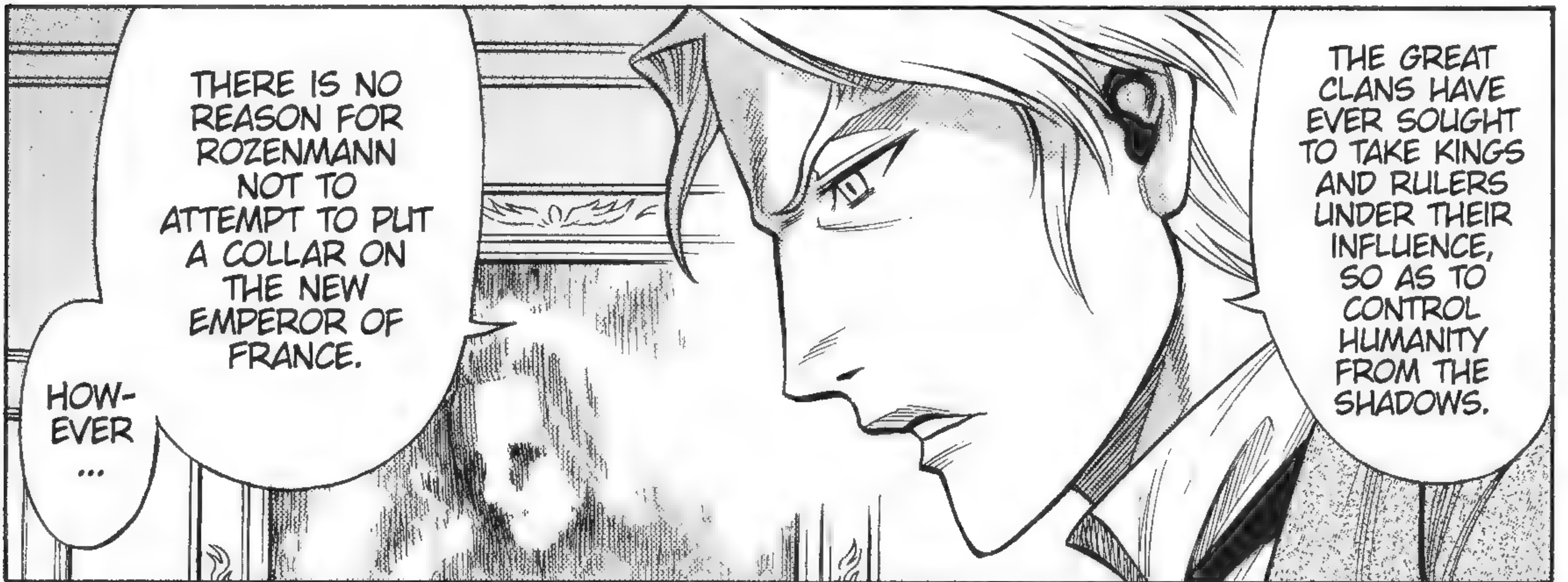
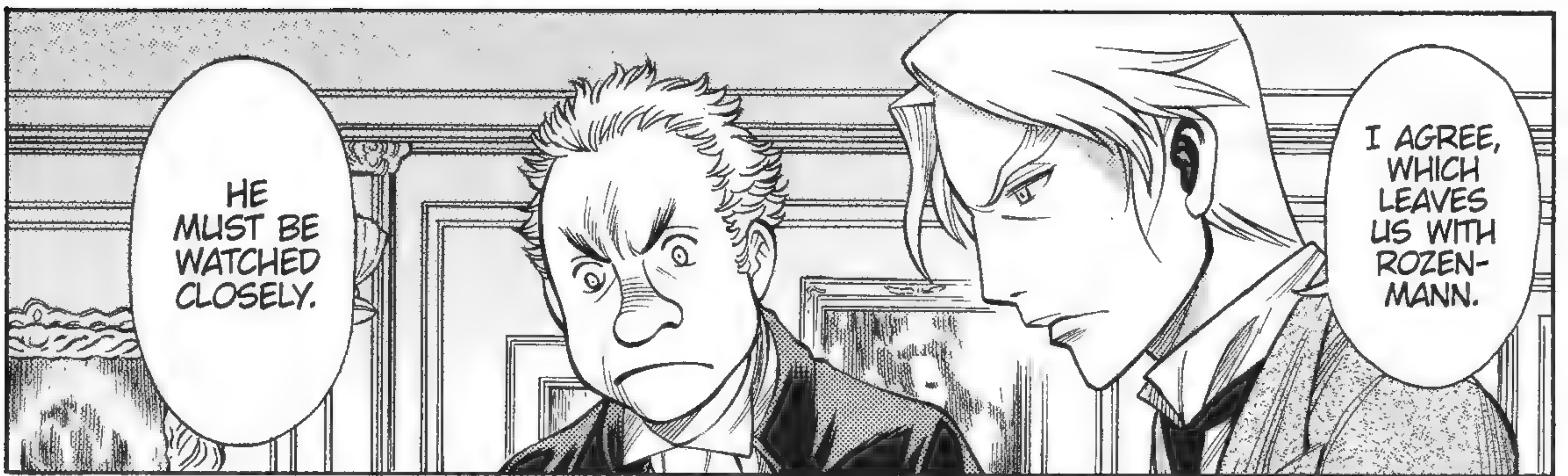
I EXPECT IVANOVIC WILL ALSO CONTENT ITSELF WITH WATCHING FOR NOW. NAPOLEON HAS YET TO MAKE ANY MOVES TOWARDS RUSSIA, AFTER ALL.



NAPOLEON IS PRESENTLY GATHERING A LARGE ARMY ON THE BOLOGNA COAST, WITH THE INTENT TO SAIL FOR ENGLAND.

IN RESPONSE, ENGLAND HAS JUST SEALED A TREATY OF MUTUAL PROTECTION WITH AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA. PRUSSIA CURRENTLY STANDS NEUTRAL.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST. NAPOLEON HAS SUCCESSFULLY SPLIT EUROPE RIGHT DOWN THE CENTER, AFTER ALL.





REGARDLESS,
I EXPECT
ROZENMANN WILL
NOT LET THIS
OPPORTUNITY
PASS. HE
WILL ATTEMPT
SOMETHING, BUT
NOT TOWARDS
NAPOLEON.

A BLOW
FROM A
BLIND SPOT
RIGHT NOW
WOULD BE
DEVASTATING
FOR US.

TO BE
TRUTHFUL,
DURING
THESE LAST
SEVERAL YEARS,
MY INTELLIGENCE
NETWORK HAS
BEEN SCATTERED
ALL ACROSS
THE CONTINENT.
IT IS NOT
AT FULL
EFFICIENCY.

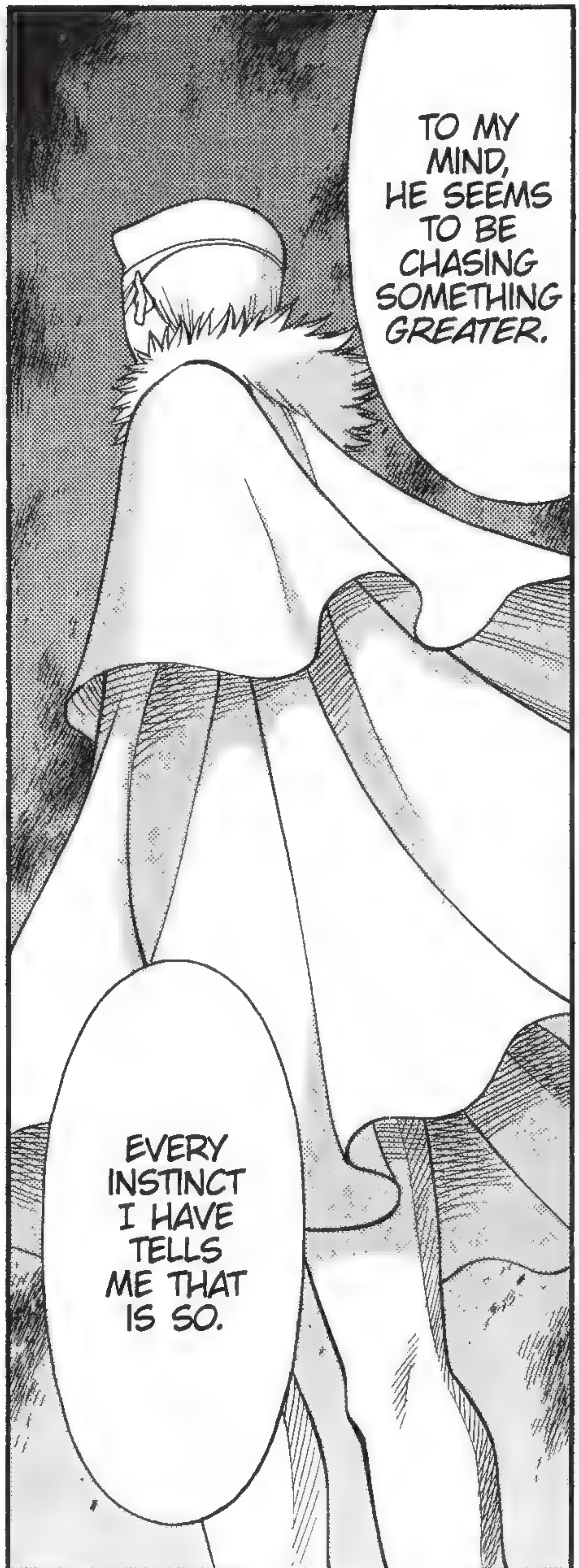


CHAS-
ING
WHAT
...?



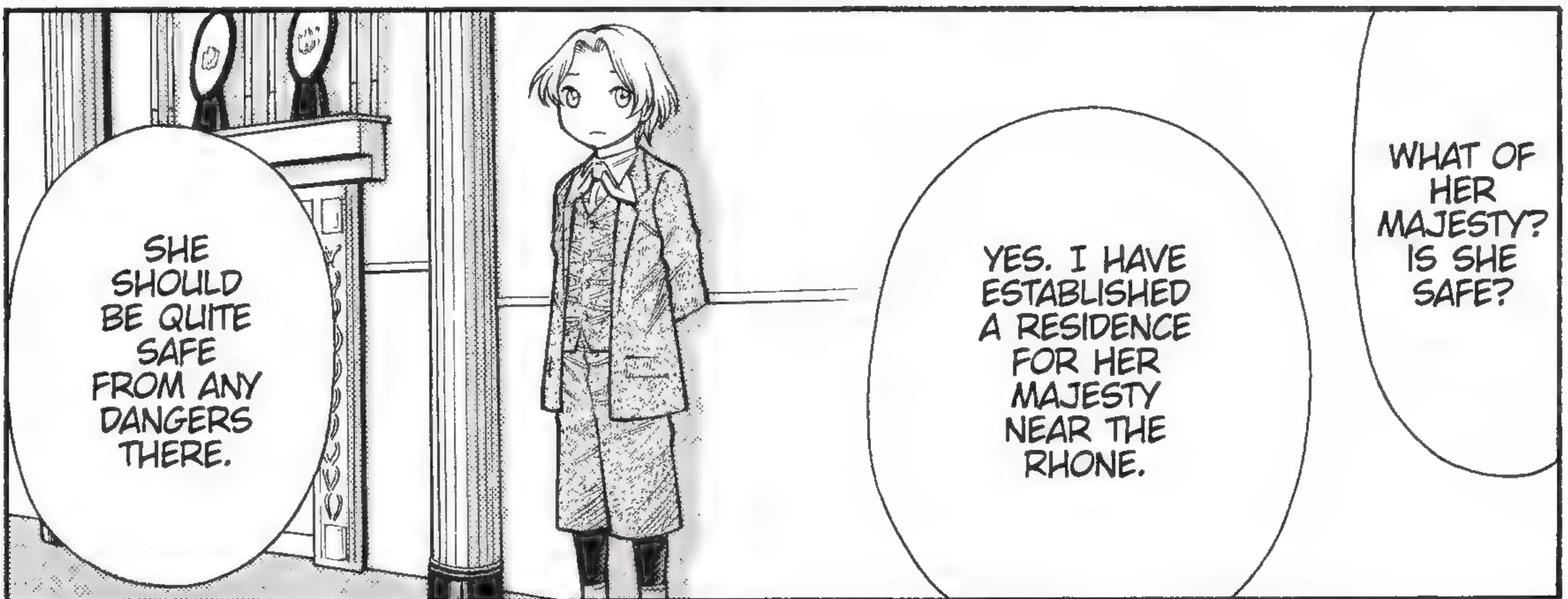
DO
YOU
KNOW
?

.....



TO MY
MIND,
HE SEEMS
TO BE
CHASING
SOMETHING
GREATER.

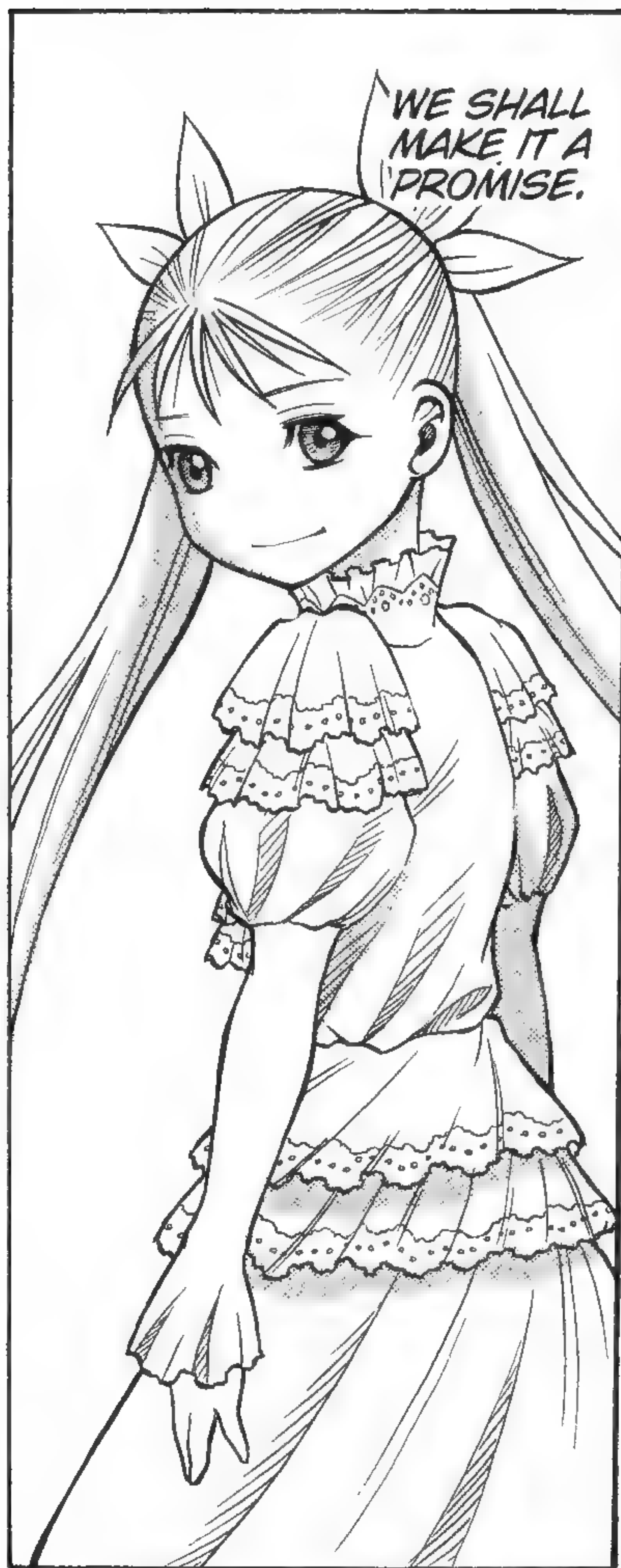
EVERY
INSTINCT
I HAVE
TELLS
ME THAT
IS SO.



SHE
SHOULD
BE QUITE
SAFE
FROM ANY
DANGERS
THERE.

YES. I HAVE
ESTABLISHED
A RESIDENCE
FOR HER
MAJESTY
NEAR THE
RHONE.

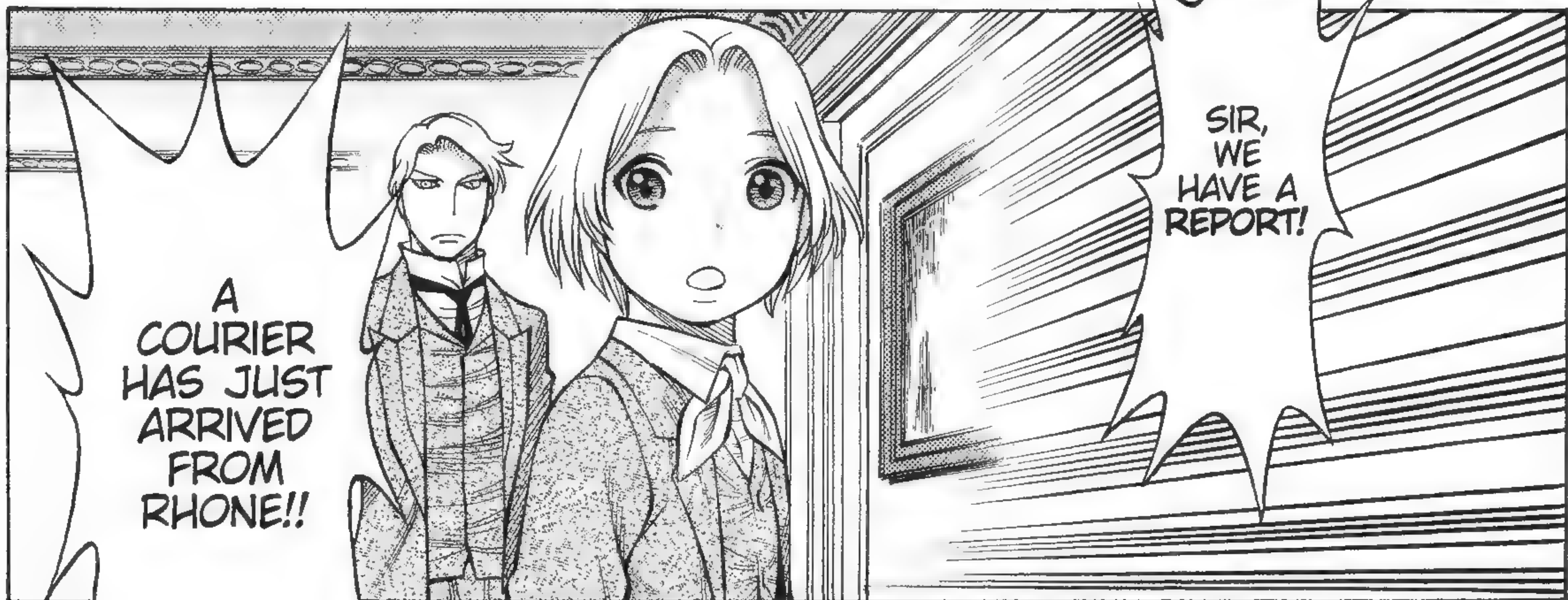
WHAT OF
HER
MAJESTY?
IS SHE
SAFE?



WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.



I WONDER
WHAT HER
MAJESTY
IS DOING
RIGHT NOW?



A
COURIER
HAS JUST
ARRIVED
FROM
RHONE!!

SIR,
WE
HAVE A
REPORT!



WHAT?!

MY LORD,
THE RHONE
RESIDENCE
WAS
ATTACKED BY
ROZENMANN'S
FORCES!
IT HAS
BEEN RAZED
TO THE
GROUND!!

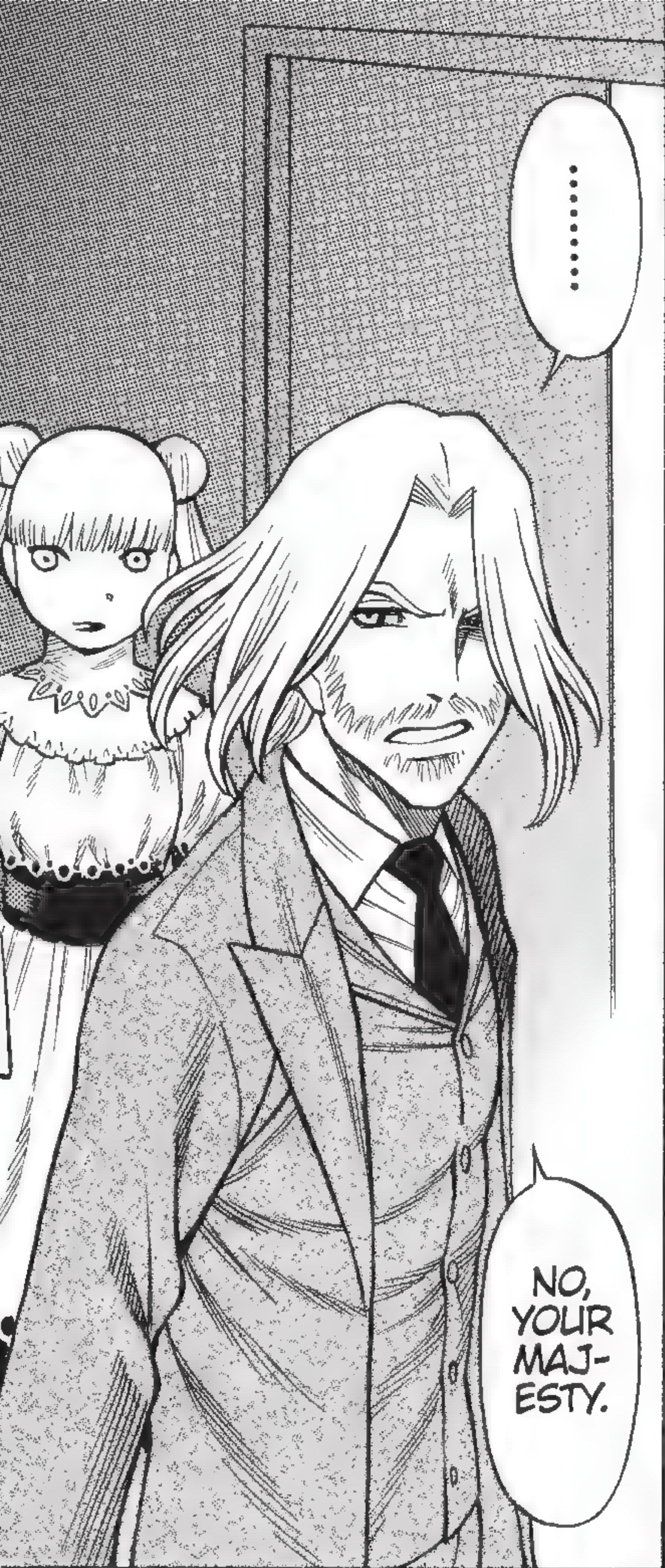
WHAT OF
HER
MAJESTY?!
IS SHE
UNHARMED
?!

DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME...

HER
MAJESTY
IS
MISSING,
MY
LORDS!

AGREED?

MISSING!!



.....

NO,
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.

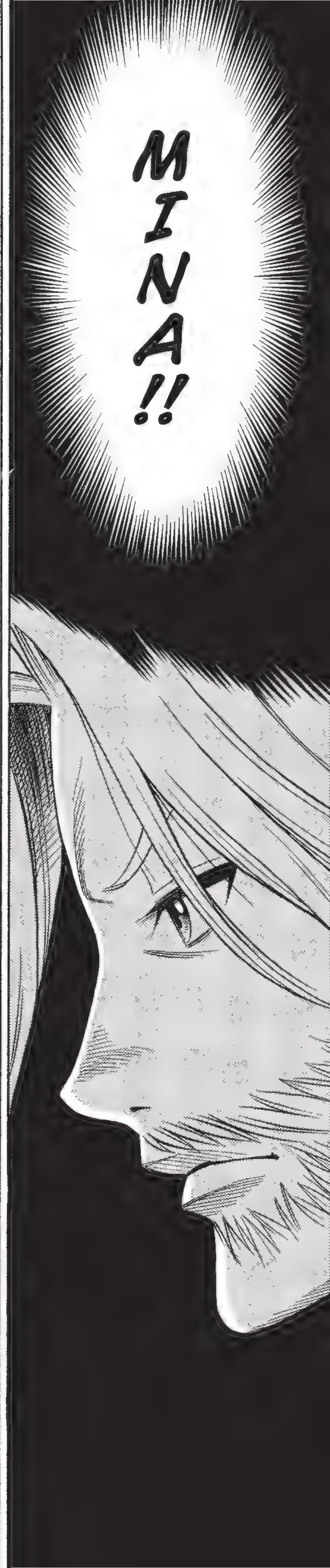
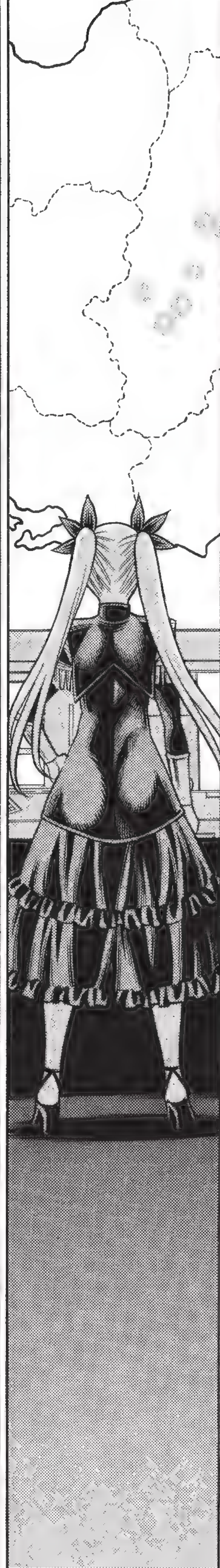


ALPHONSE,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

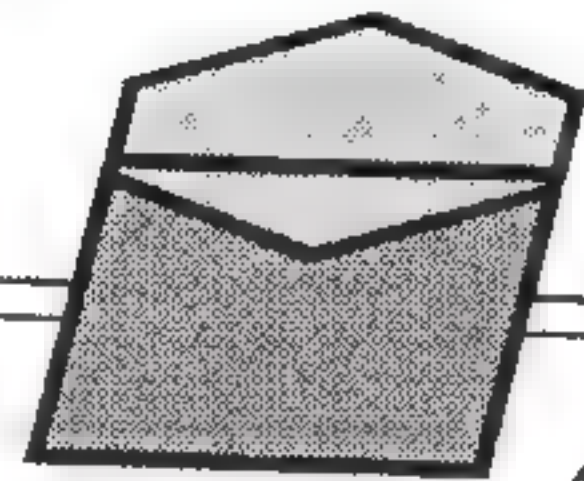
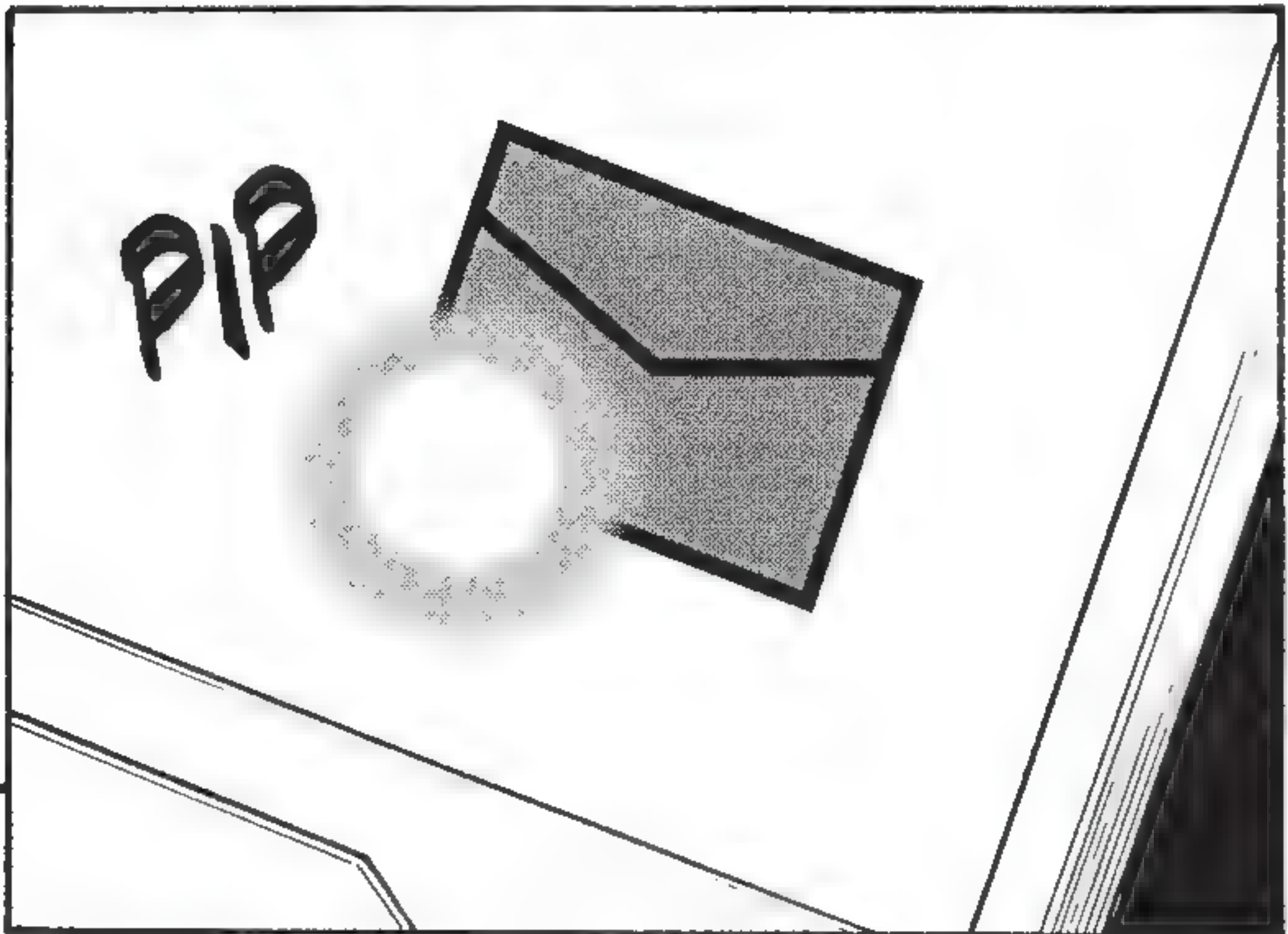
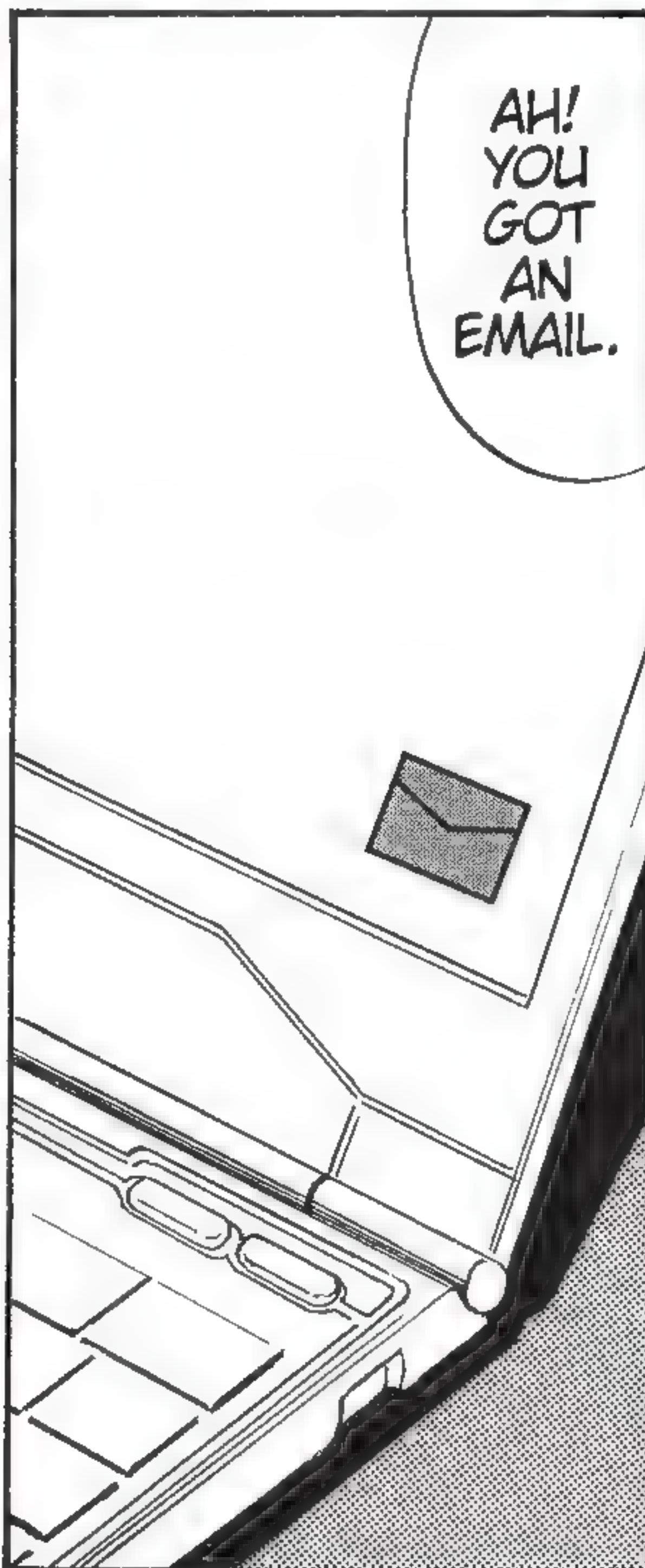
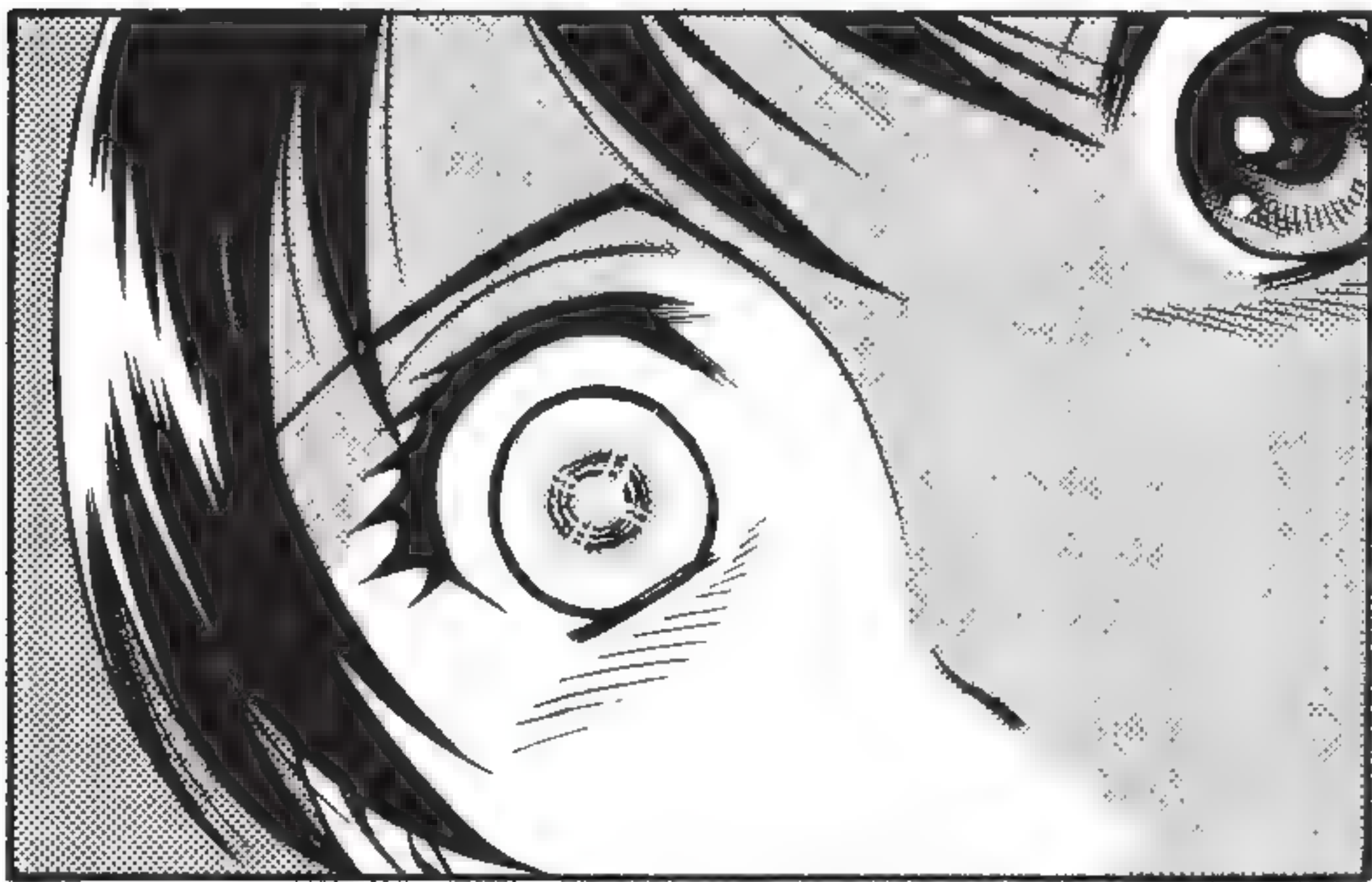
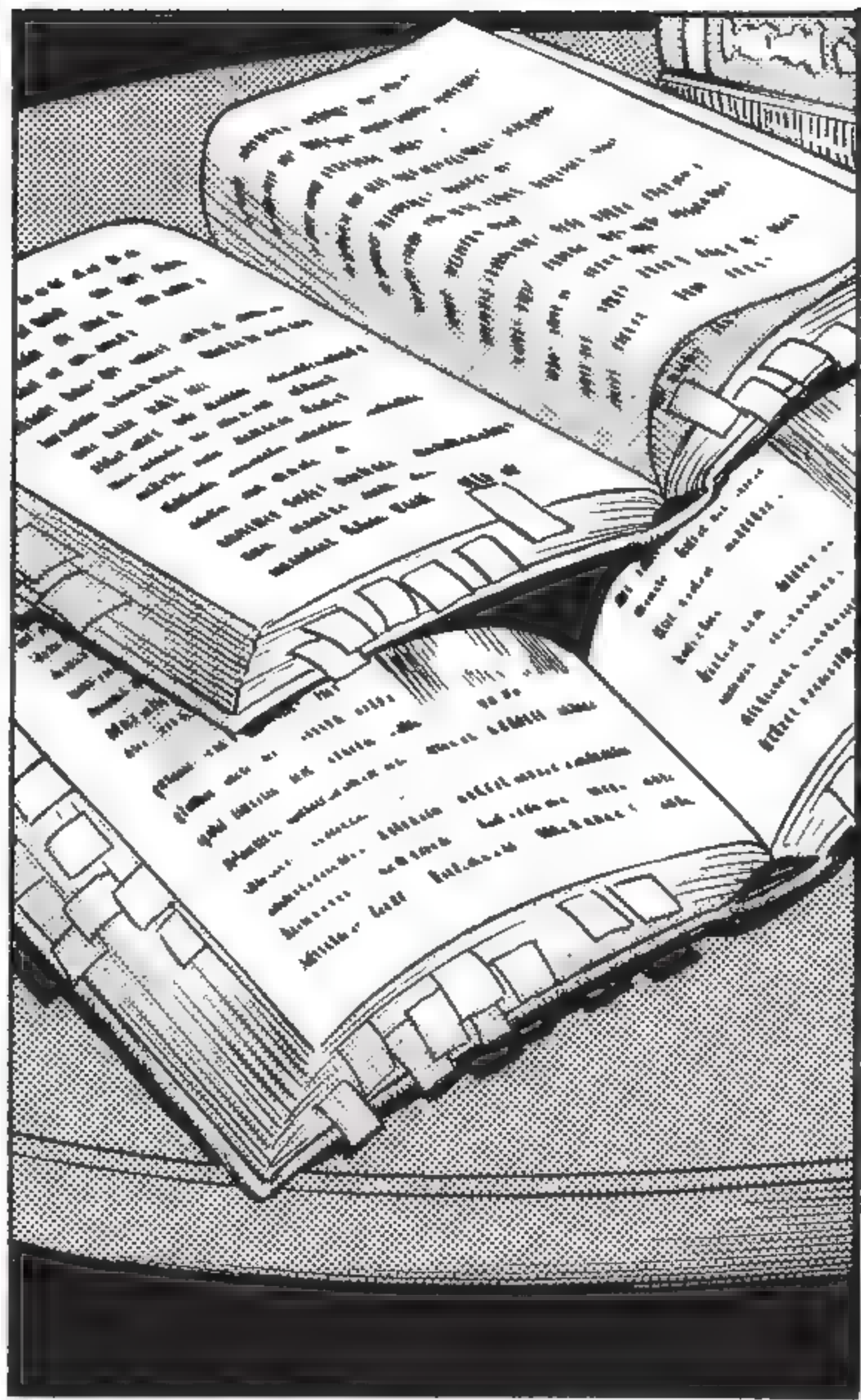
I'M
FINE.



DID
YOU SAY
SOME-
THING?

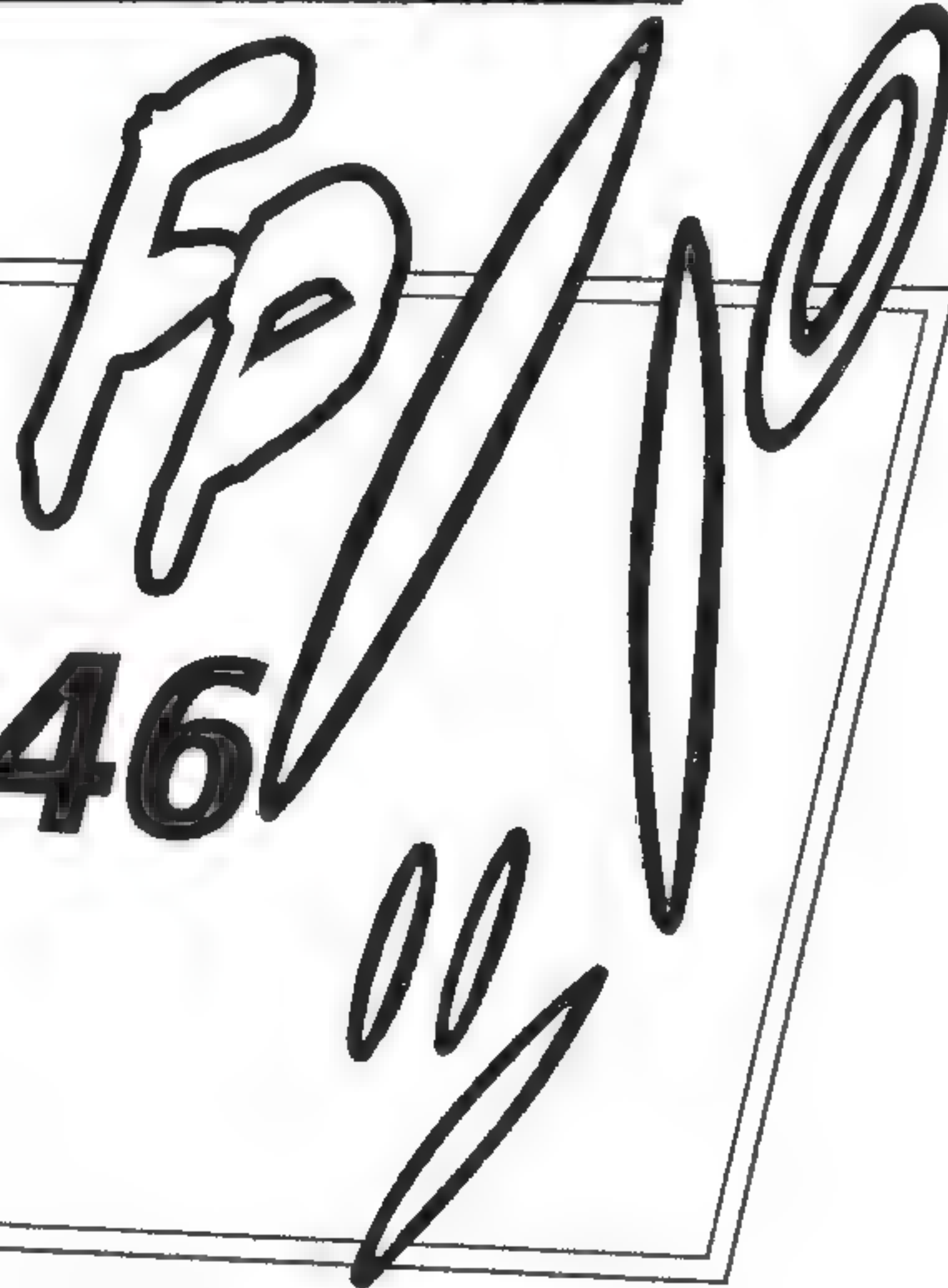


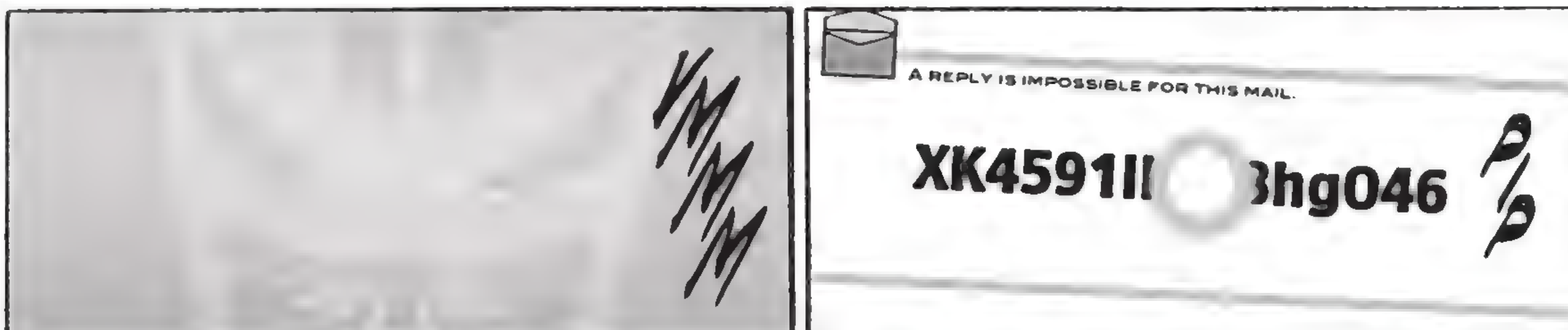
MINA!!



A REPLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MAIL.

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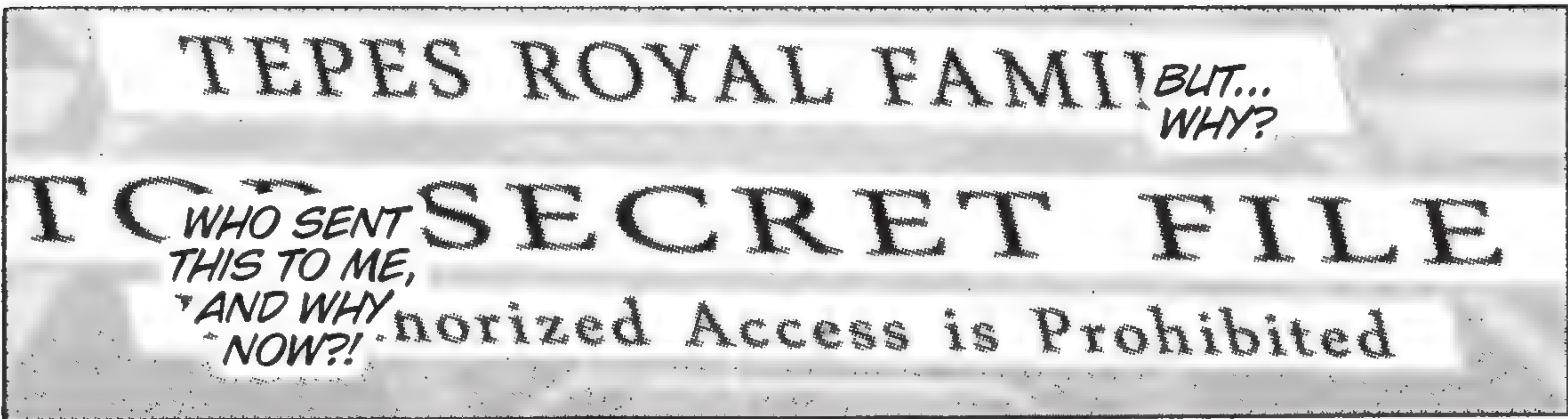






DID I JUST GET
THE ACCESS KEY
TO THE BUND
SERVER'S
TOP SECRET
DATABASE?!

WHAT
THE
HECK...?



TEPES ROYAL FAMI! BUT... WHY?

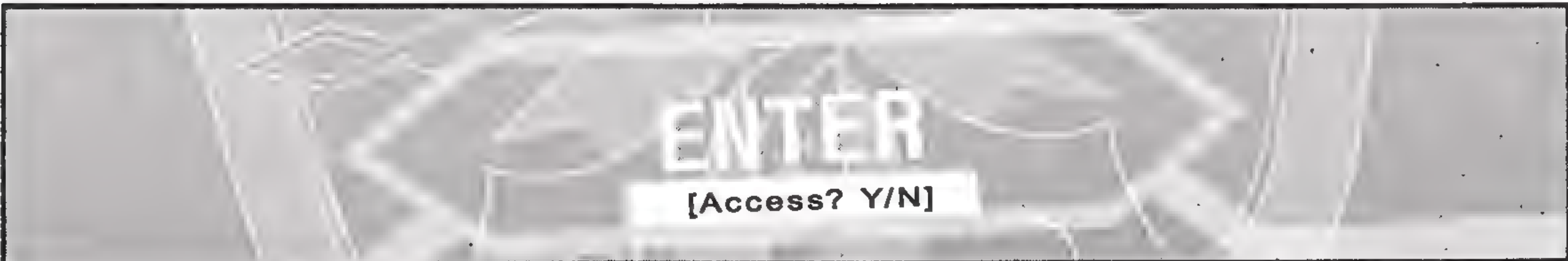
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WHO SENT
THIS TO ME,
AND WHY
NOW?!

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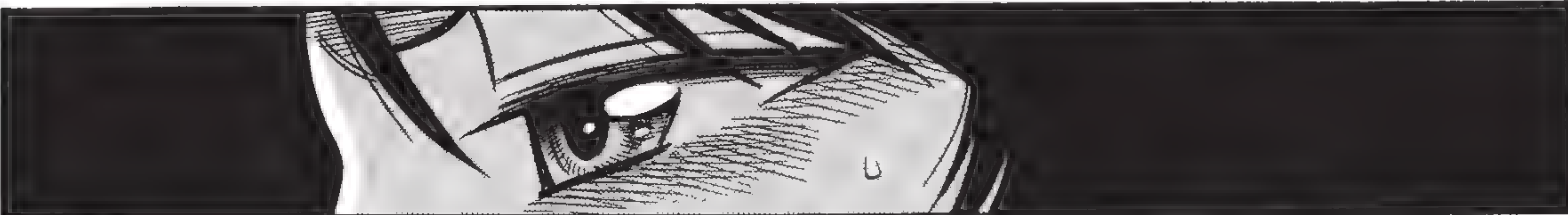


IT COULD
BE A
TRAP...



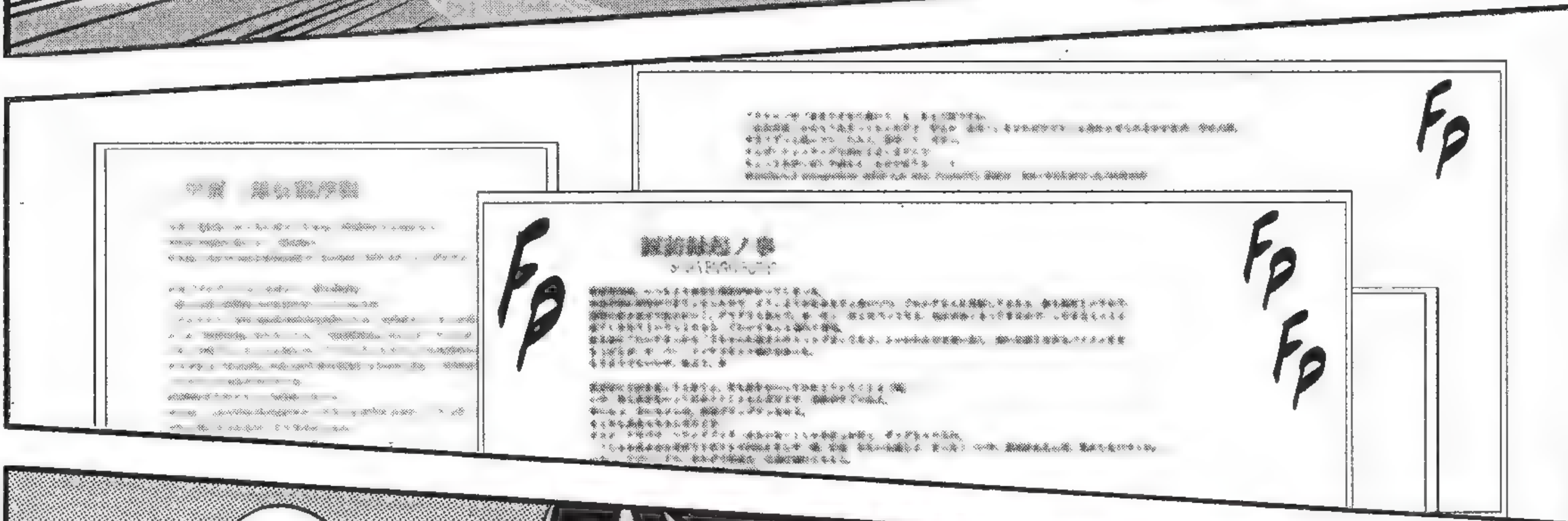
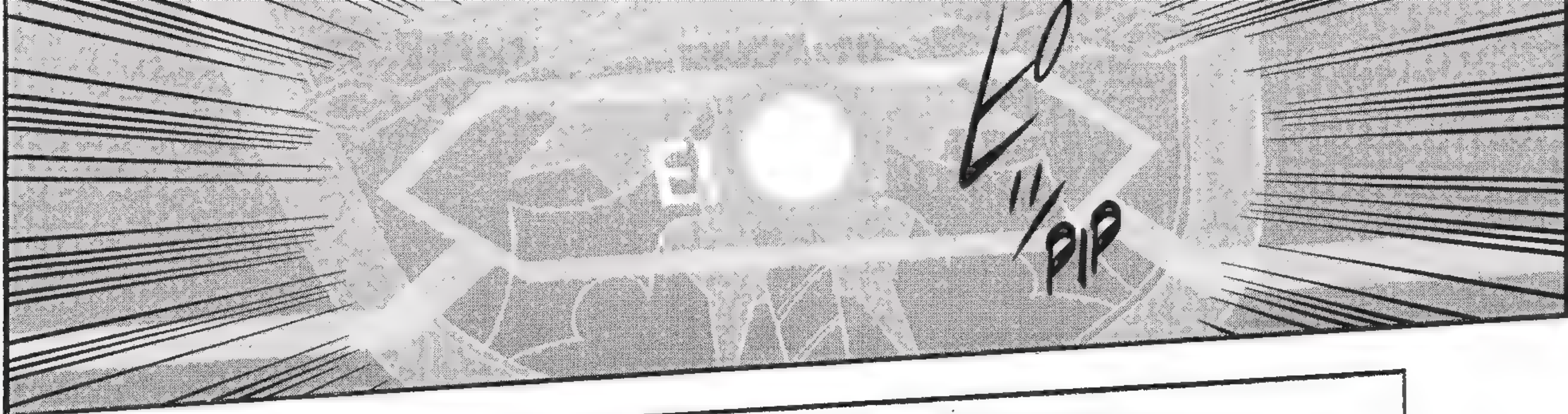
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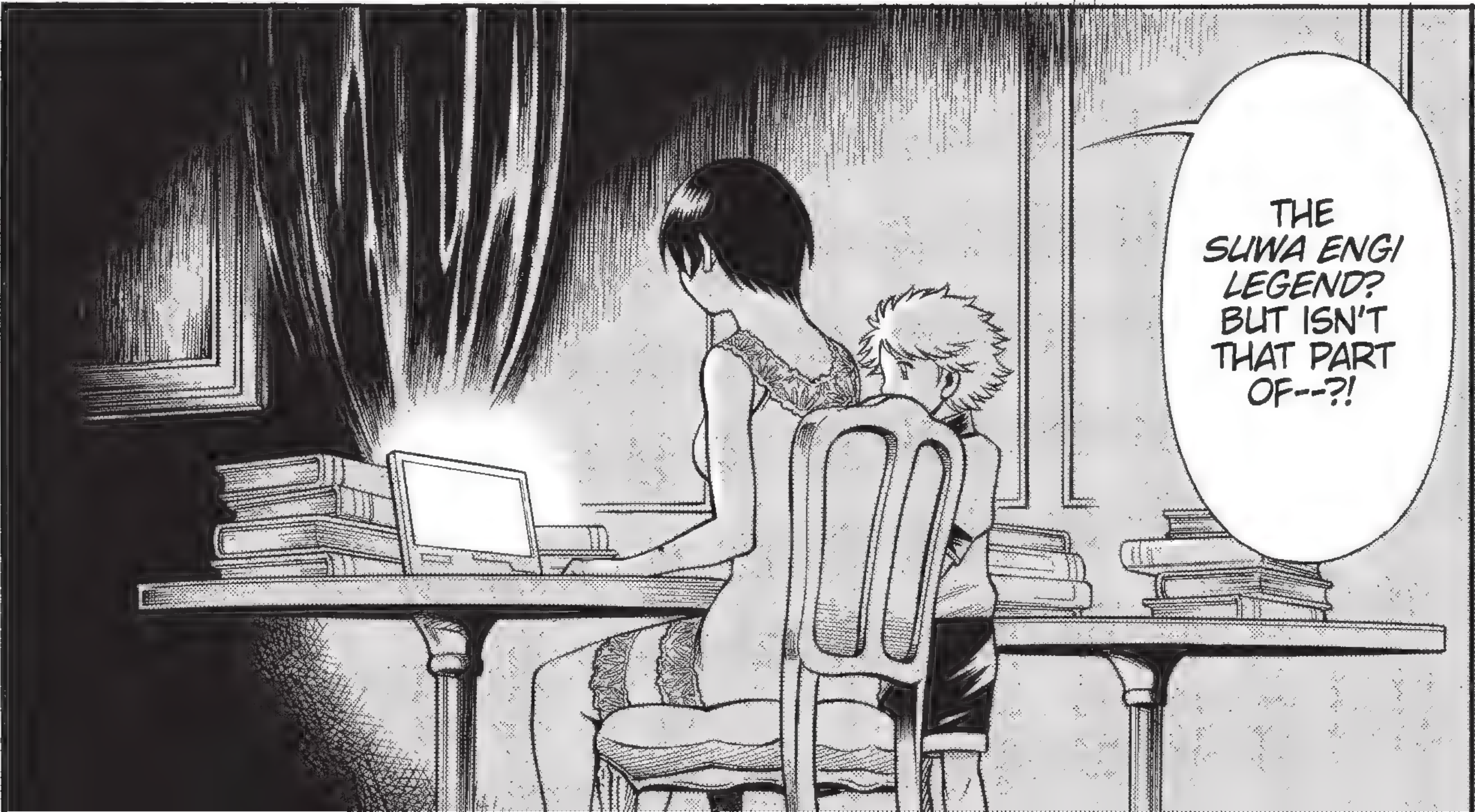
IT'S NOT
LIKE I
HAVE
ANYTHING
LEFT TO
LOSE.

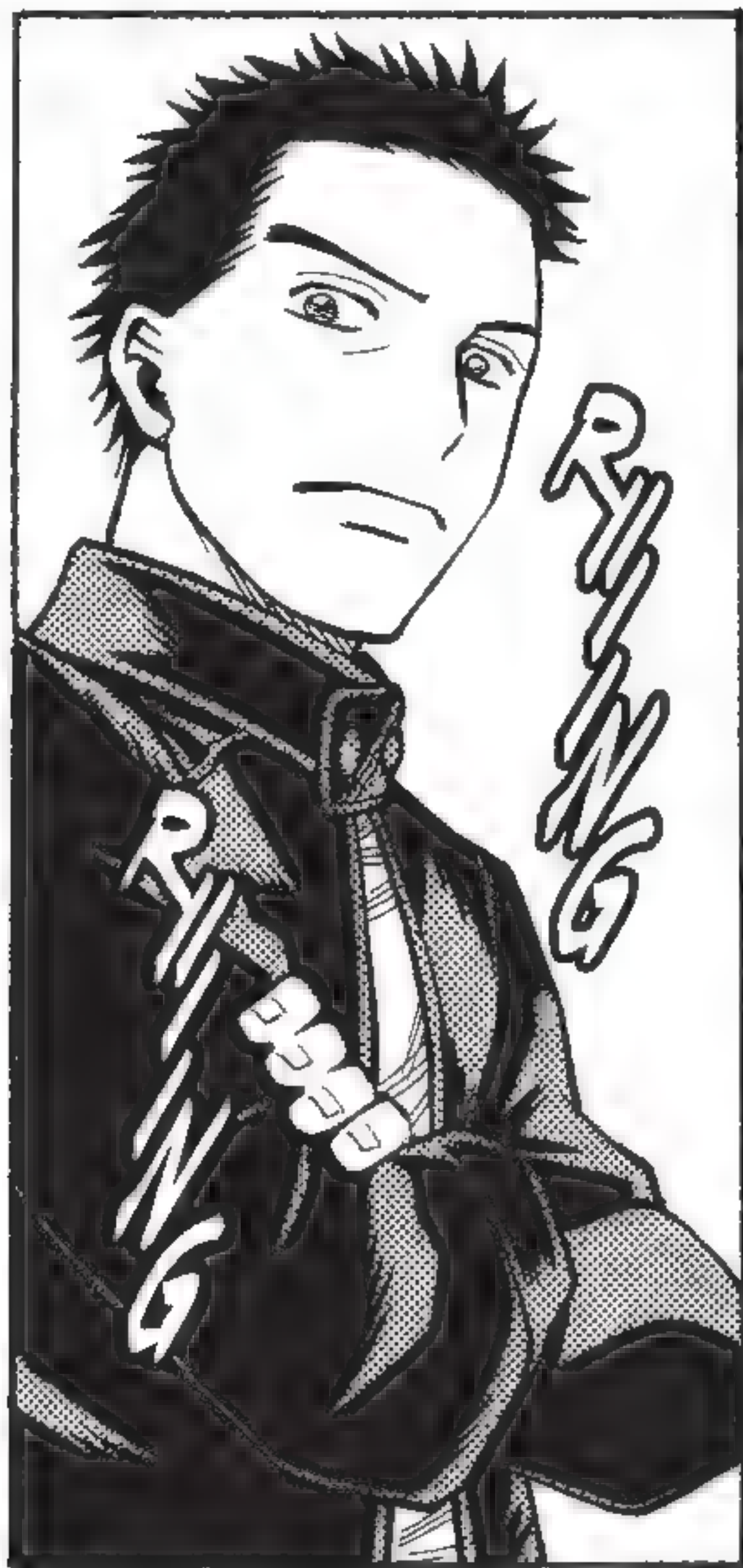
OH,
WHO
CARES!



事起縁訪趣

SUWA ENGI LEGEND





WELL,
YOU
CERTAINLY
SEEM
TO BE
TAKING
THIS
CALMLY!

OUR
INVESTI-
GATION
HAS A
LEAK?!

YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME!



I'LL GET
RIGHT
TO THE
POINT.

THIS
IS BIG,
AND I
NEED
YOUR
HELP
IMMEDI-
ATELY.



WAIT...

I
KNOW
THIS
VOICE.

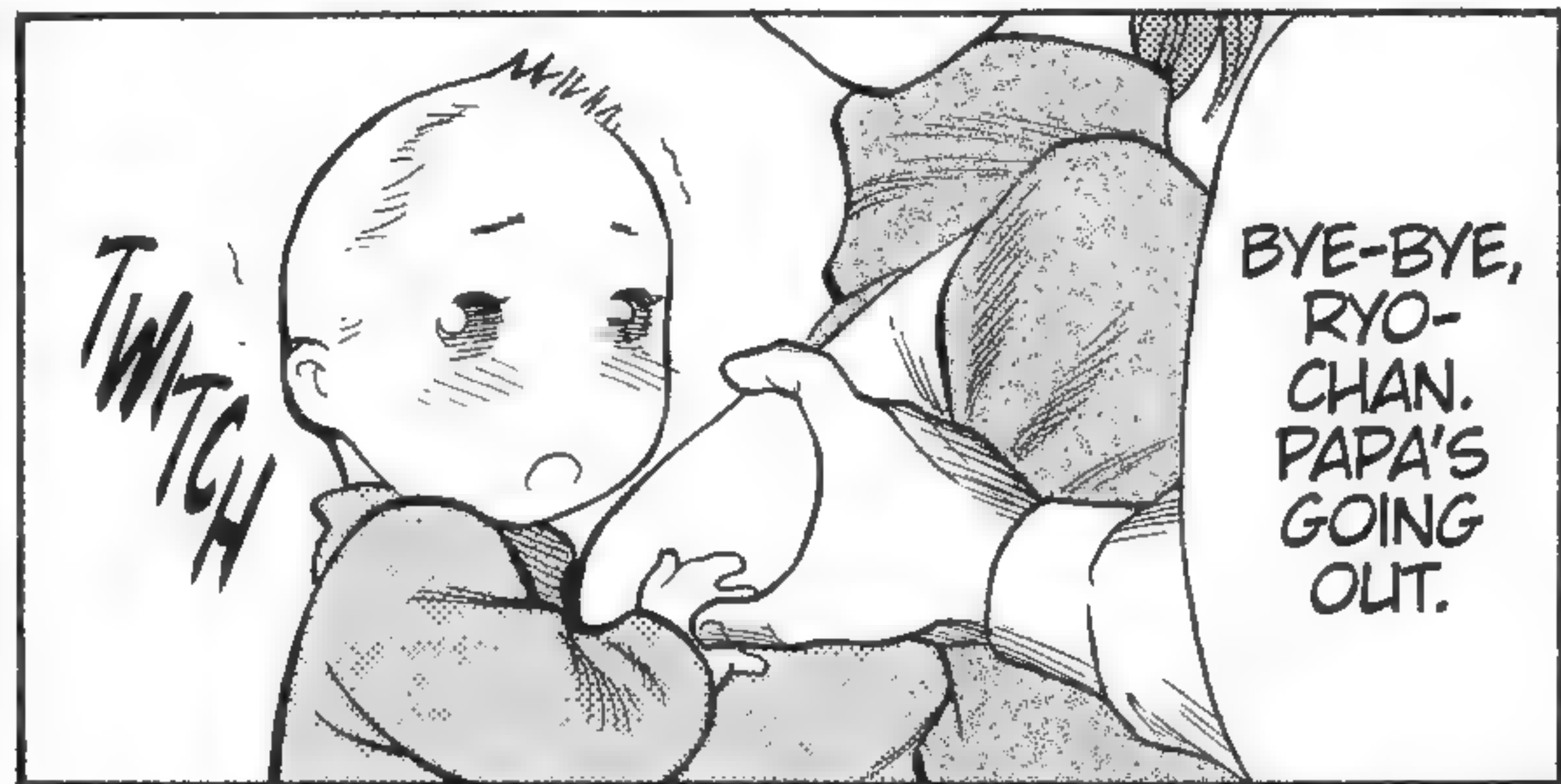
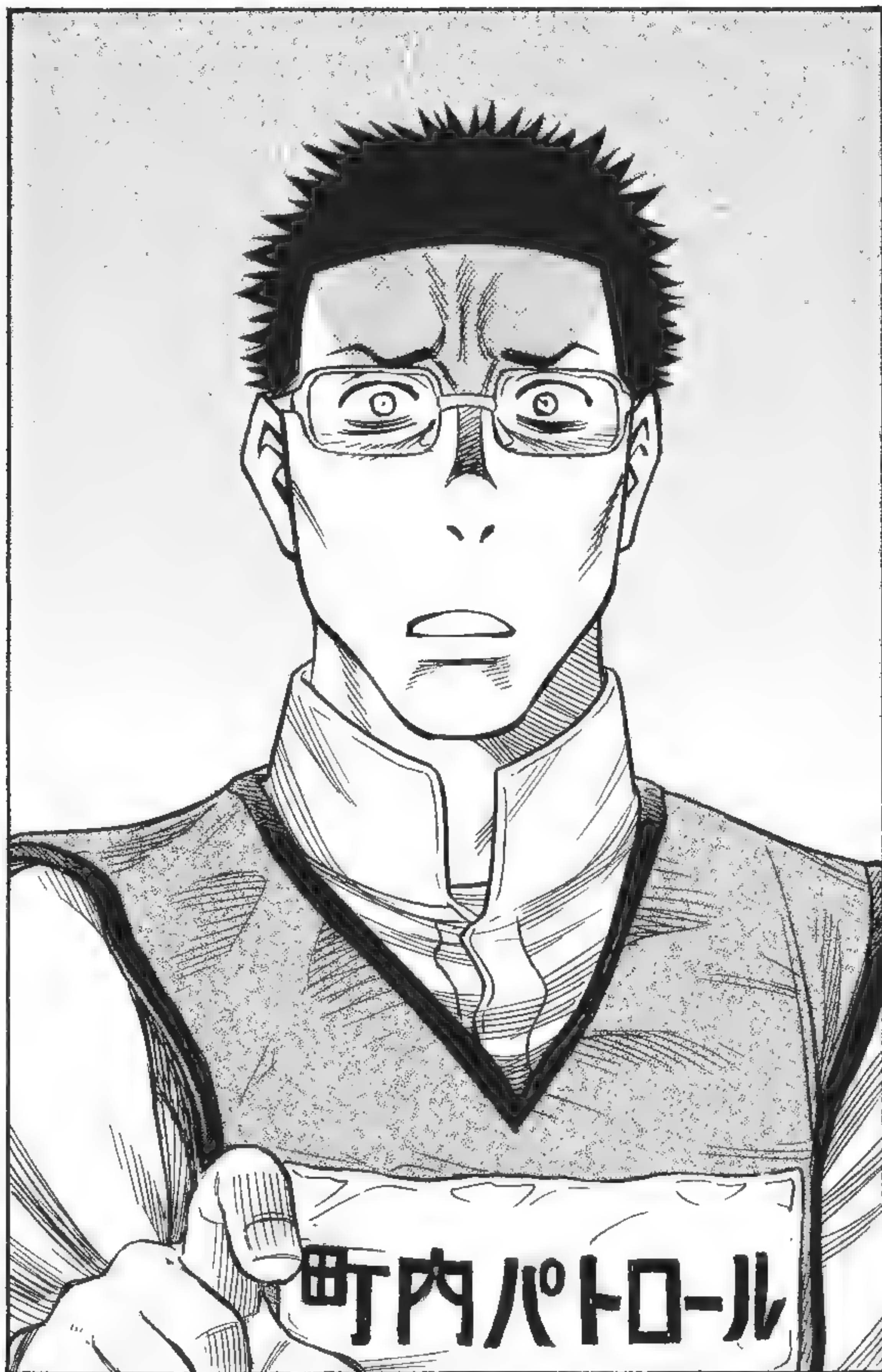


THIS
HAMA-
SAN?



THERE'S
SOMEONE
I NEED
YOUR
BOSS TO
MEET.

Y'SEE...





QUIT DRAGGING YOUR FEET, YOU STUPID SLOB!



ALL OF YOU! OUT IN THE SUN-LIGHT!!

EVERY-BODY! OUT OF THE HOUSE!



YOU KNOW THAT!

TAKEDA-SAN, PLEASE! RYOU HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HIKIKO-MORI*!



HERE. YOU DO IT.

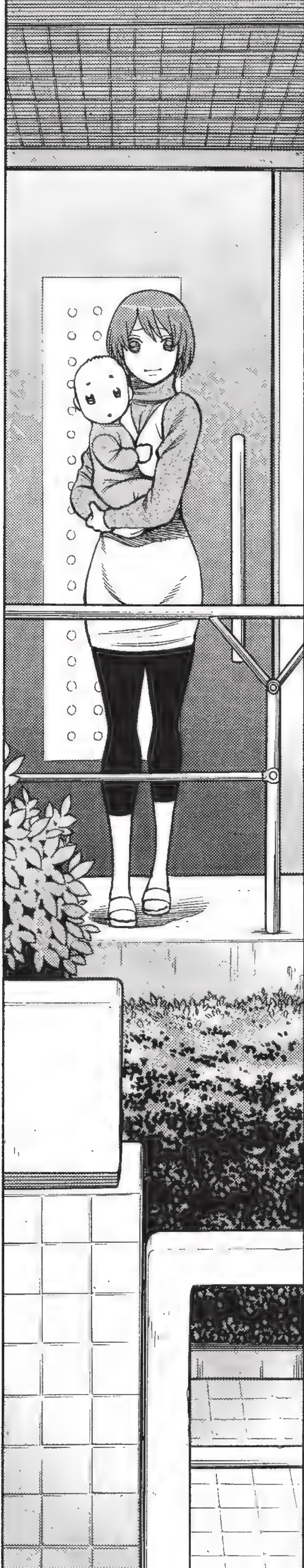


AND I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GIVE YOU A PIECE OF MY MIND FOR YEARS!

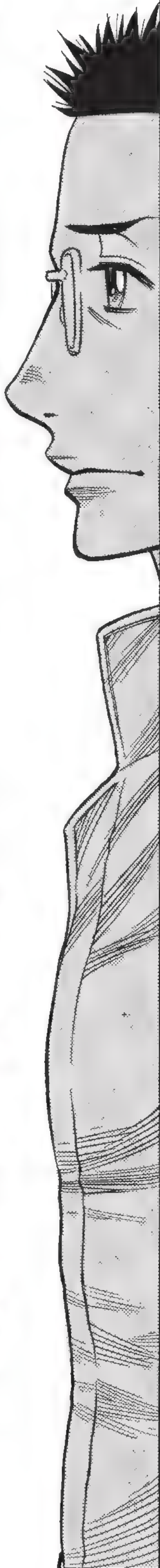
IT'S YOUR OWN DAMN FAULT YOUR BRAT TURNED INTO A USELESS HIKIKOMORI! CREEP! YOU WERE ALWAYS TOO SOFT ON HIM!!

NOW I'M GONNA BEAT SOME SENSE INTO HIM FOR YOU!!





YES,
I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT
I'M
DOING.



HEY!
WHERE
THE HELL
YOU ARE
GOING?!



TO MY
FAMILY.

HOME.



YOU
GET BACK
HERE
THIS
INSTANT!
YOU
FINISH
THIS!!

WATA-
NABE
!!

WATA-
NABE!



WE CAN'T
LET HIM
GET AWAY
WITH
THAT!!

THAT
DAMNED
WATANABE
BRAT
CHICKENED
OUT AT
THE LAST
MINUTE!

BUT WHAT
CAN WE DO
ABOUT IT?
I MEAN,
NOBODY'S
ACCUSED HIM
OF BEING A
VAMPIRE.



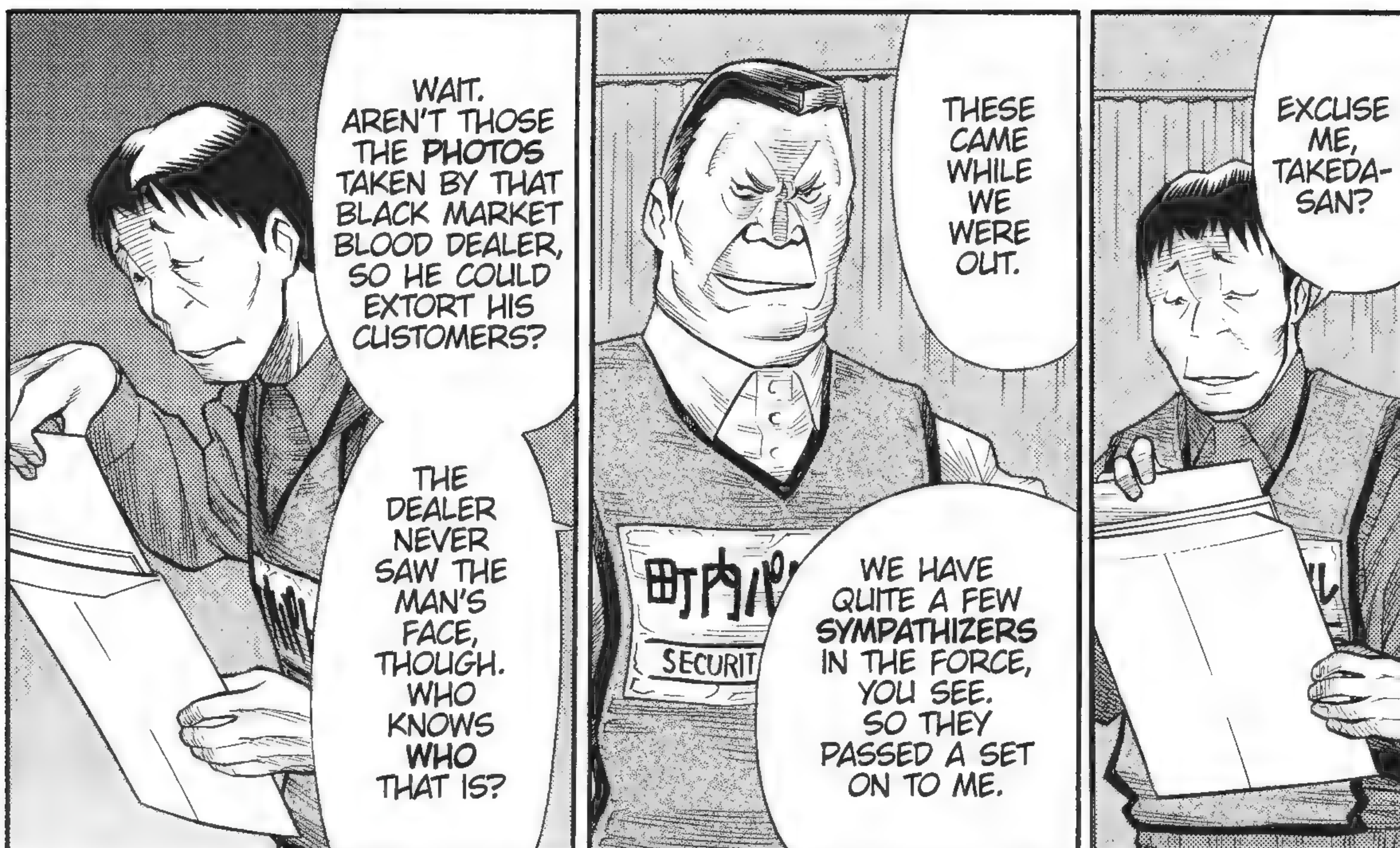
WHO
CARES
ABOUT THE
DAMN
RULES?!
LET'S
JUST PIN
SOMETHING
ON HIM
AND DRAG
HIS ASS
OUT!



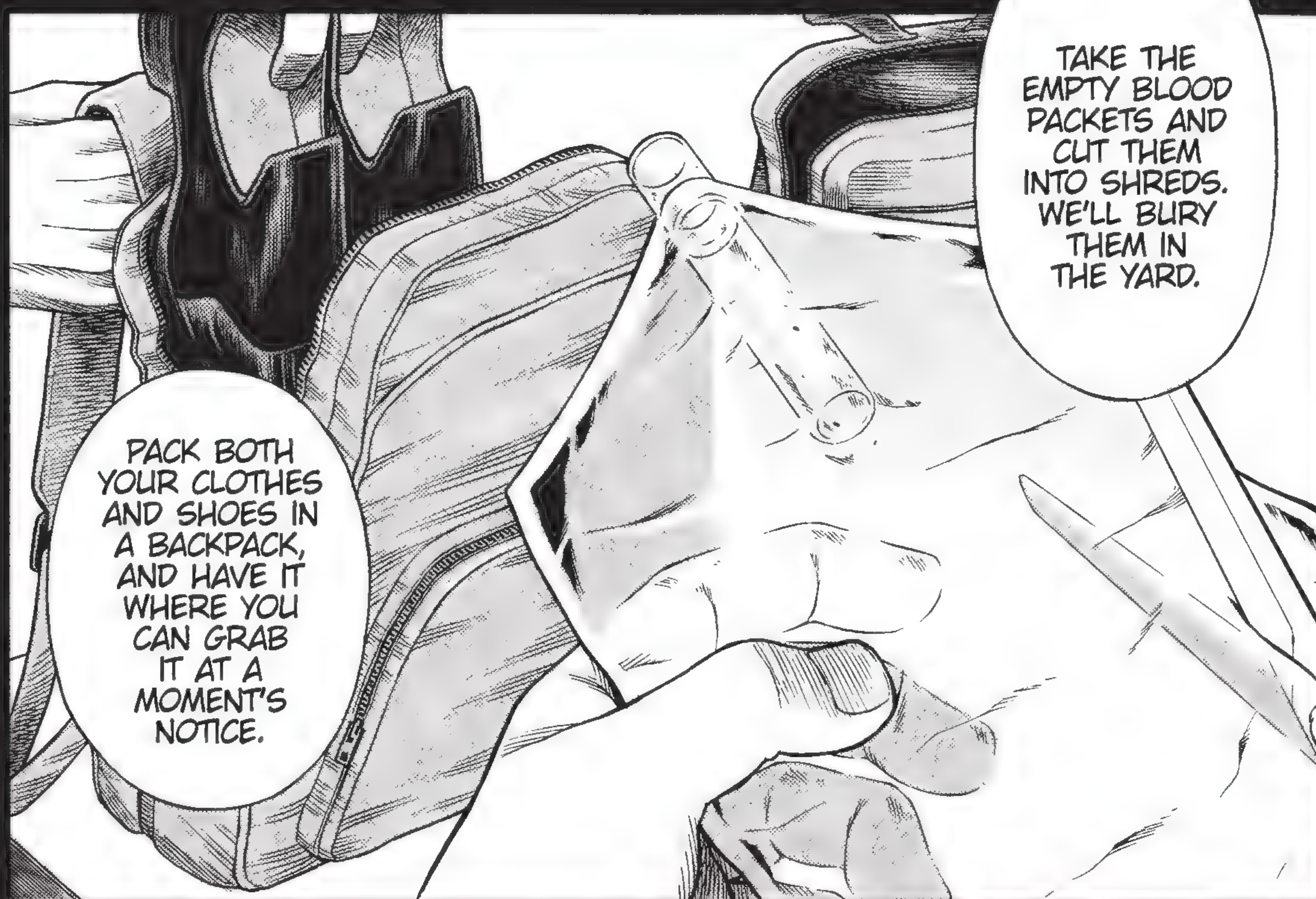
SO
CLOSE...

I WAS
SO CLOSE
TO DOING
SOMETHING
HORRIBLE!



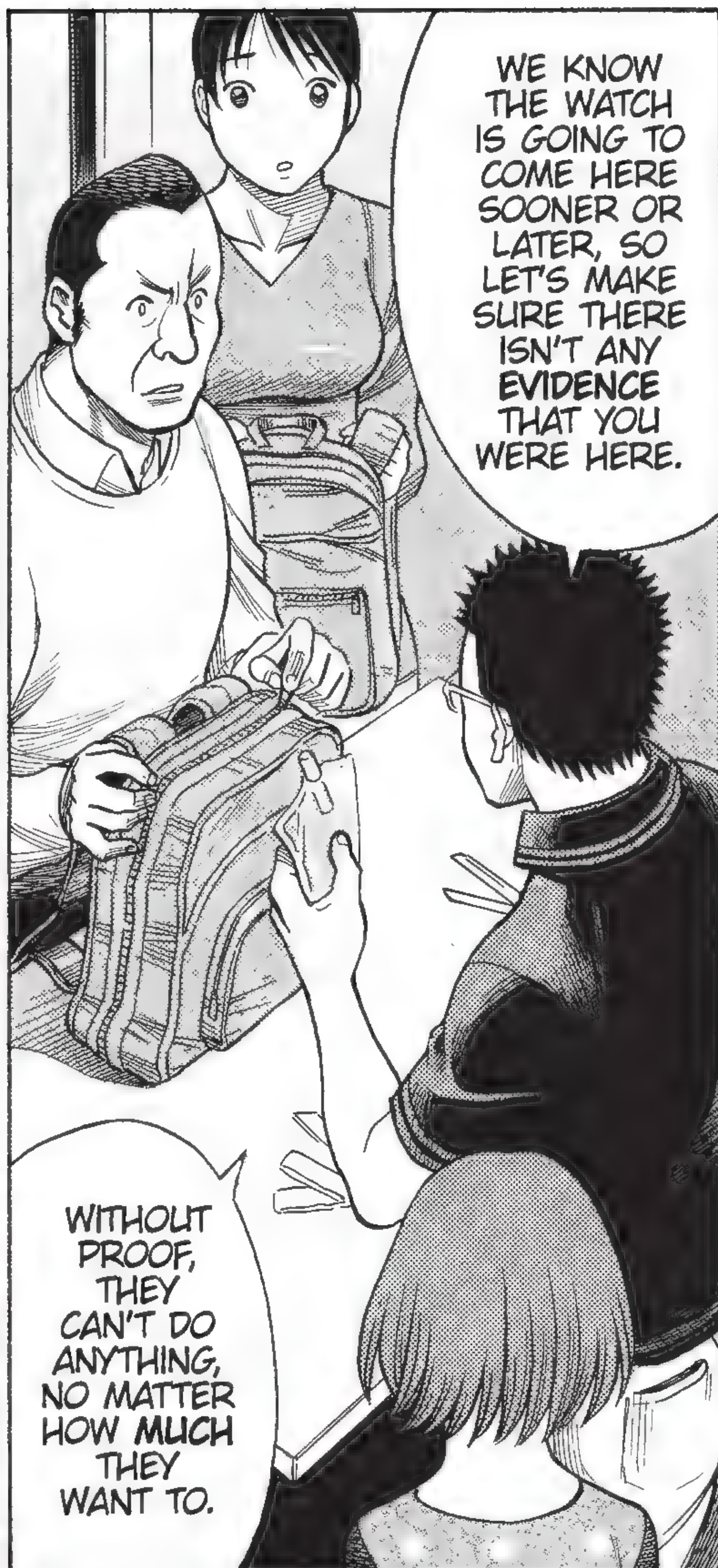


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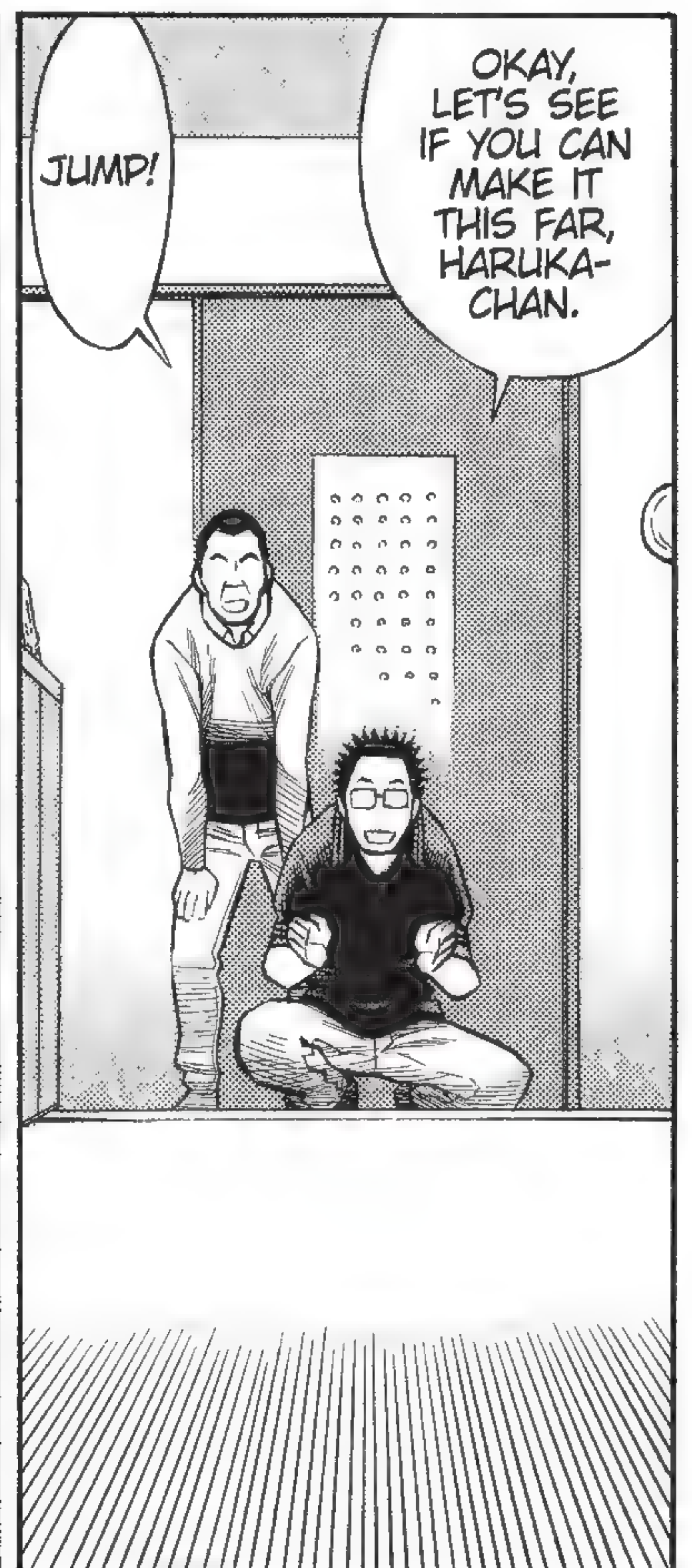
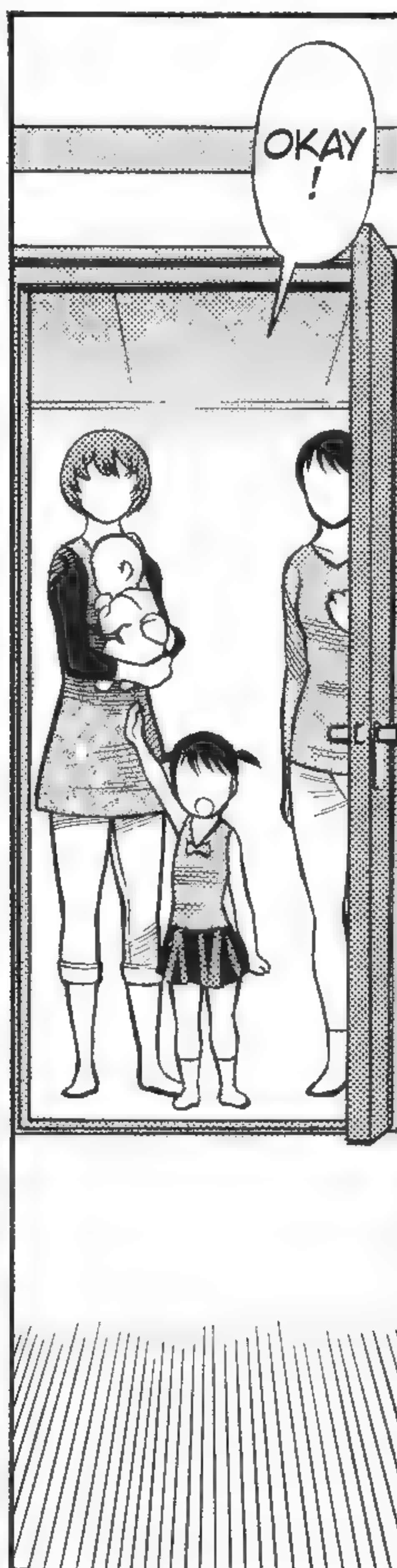


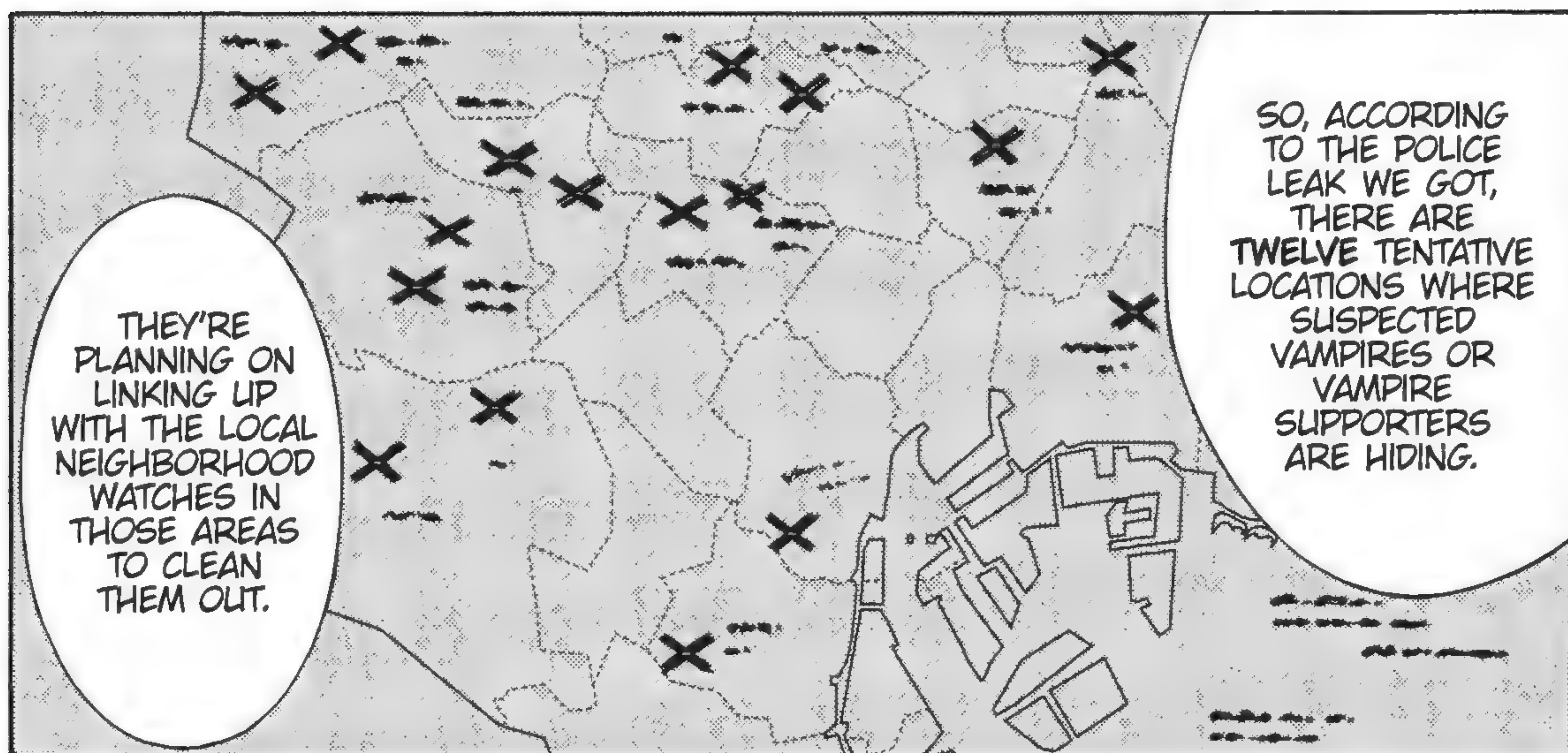
PACK BOTH
YOUR CLOTHES
AND SHOES IN
A BACKPACK,
AND HAVE IT
WHERE YOU
CAN GRAB
IT AT A
MOMENT'S
NOTICE.

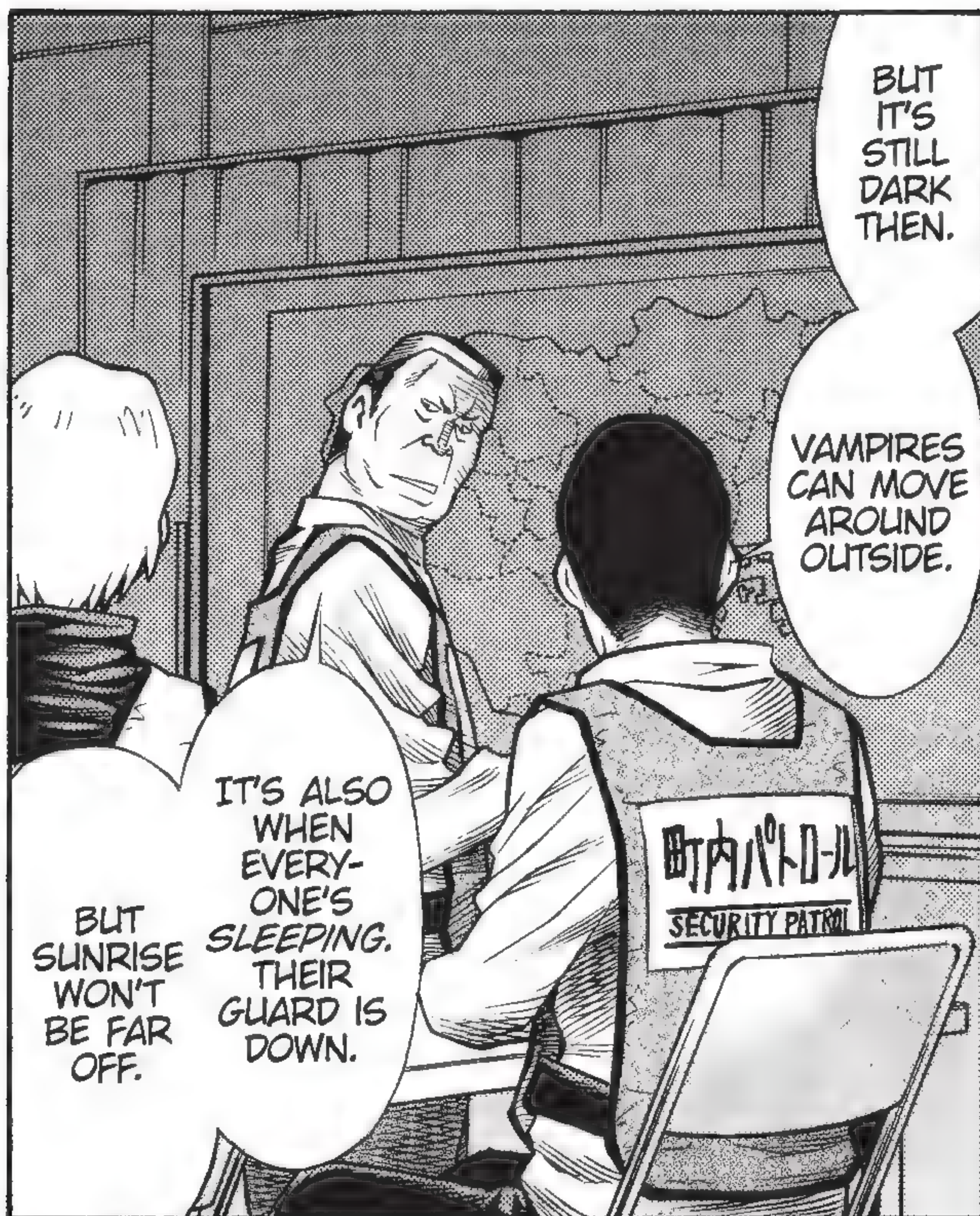
TAKE THE
EMPTY BLOOD
PACKETS AND
CUT THEM
INTO SHREDS.
WE'LL BURY
THEM IN
THE YARD.

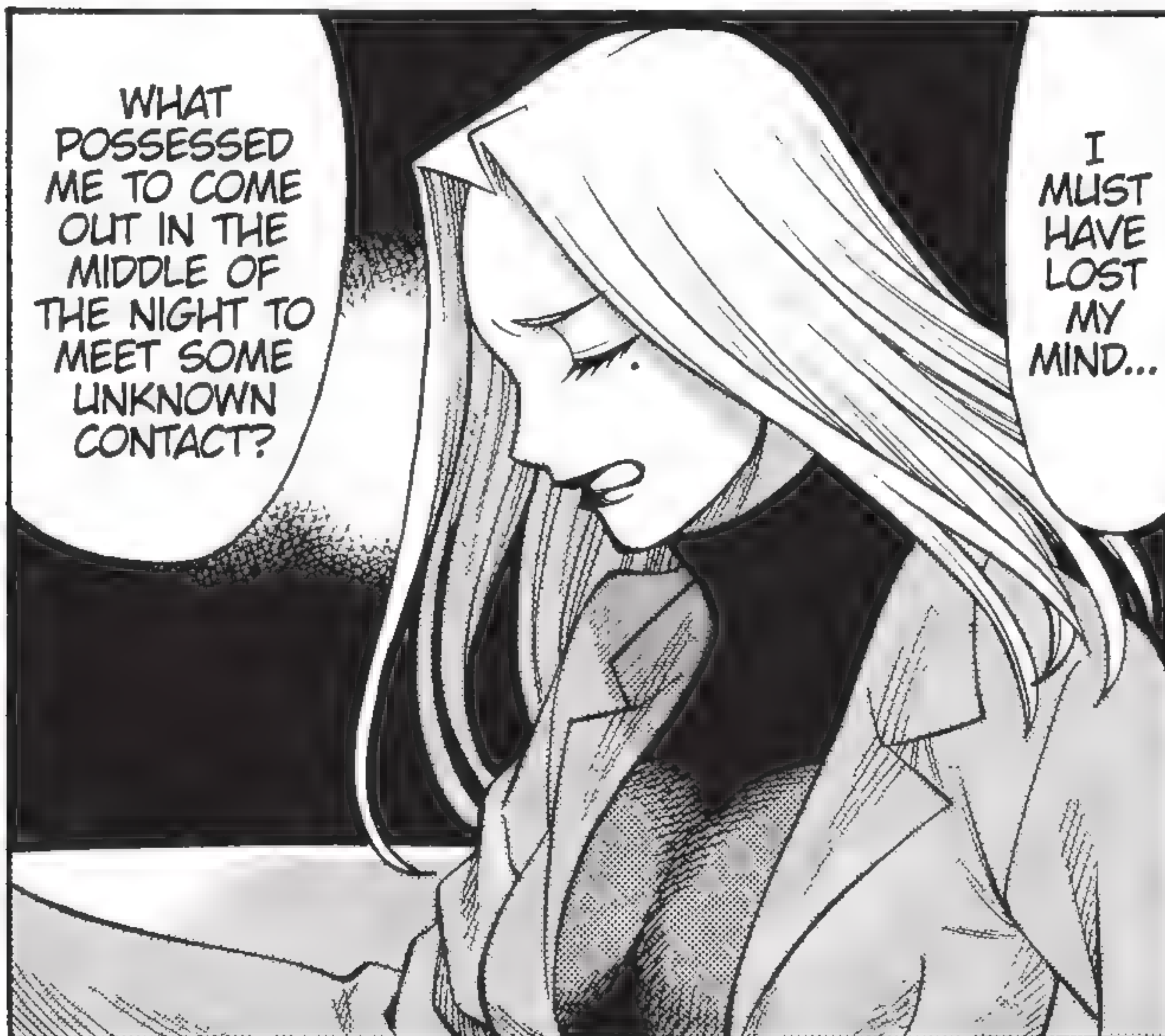
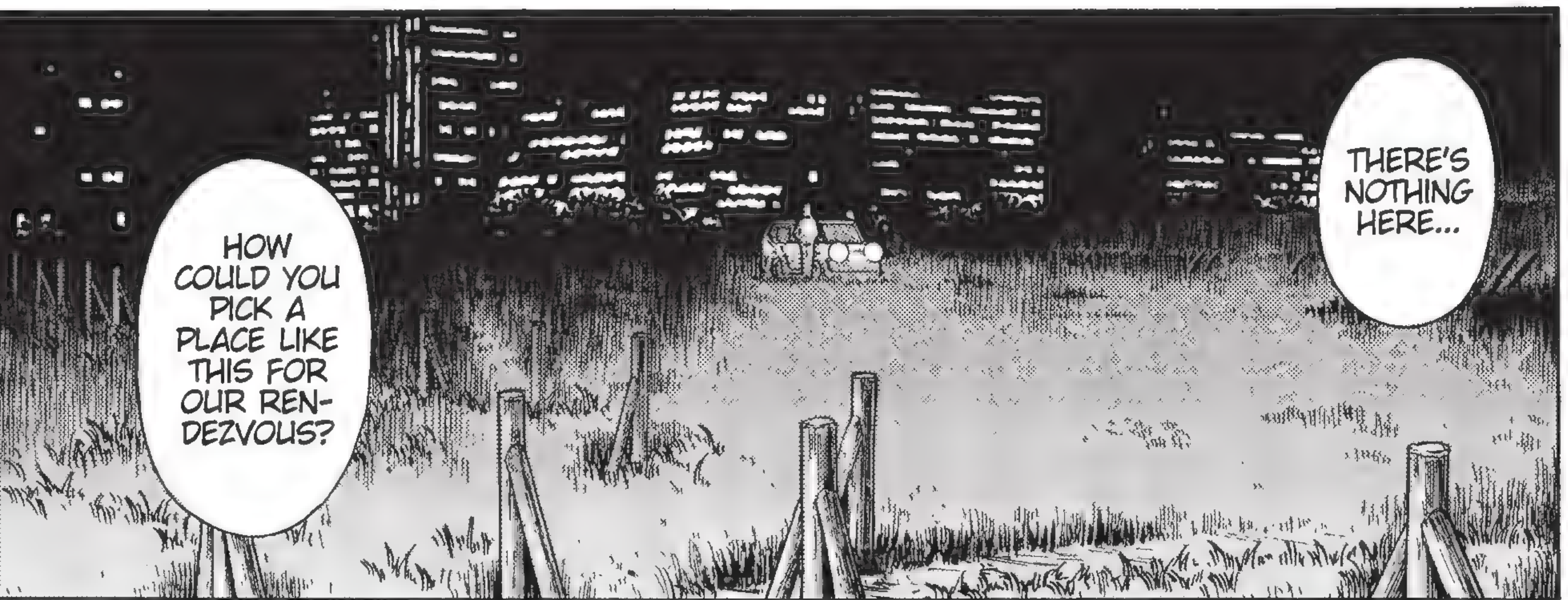
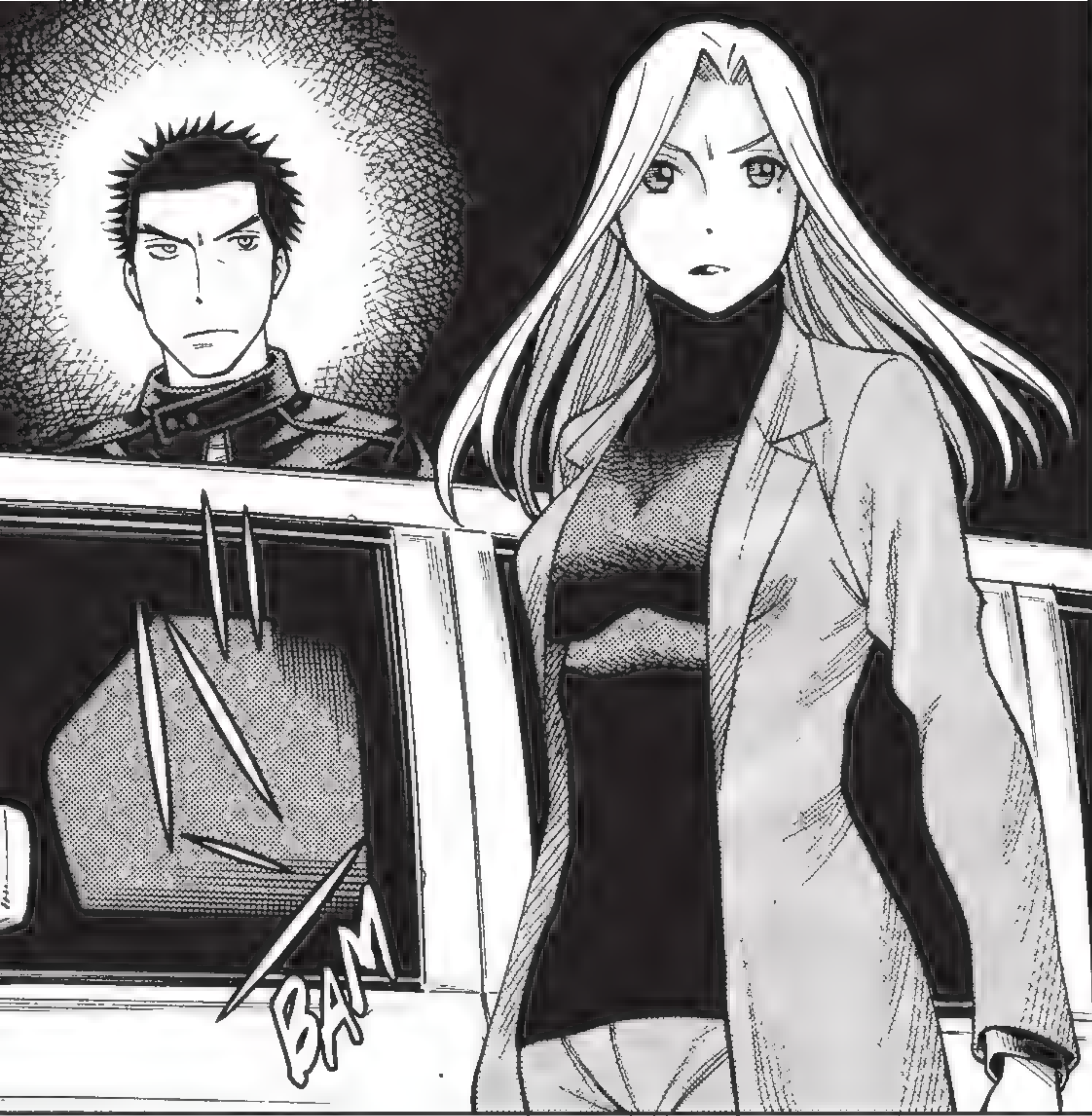


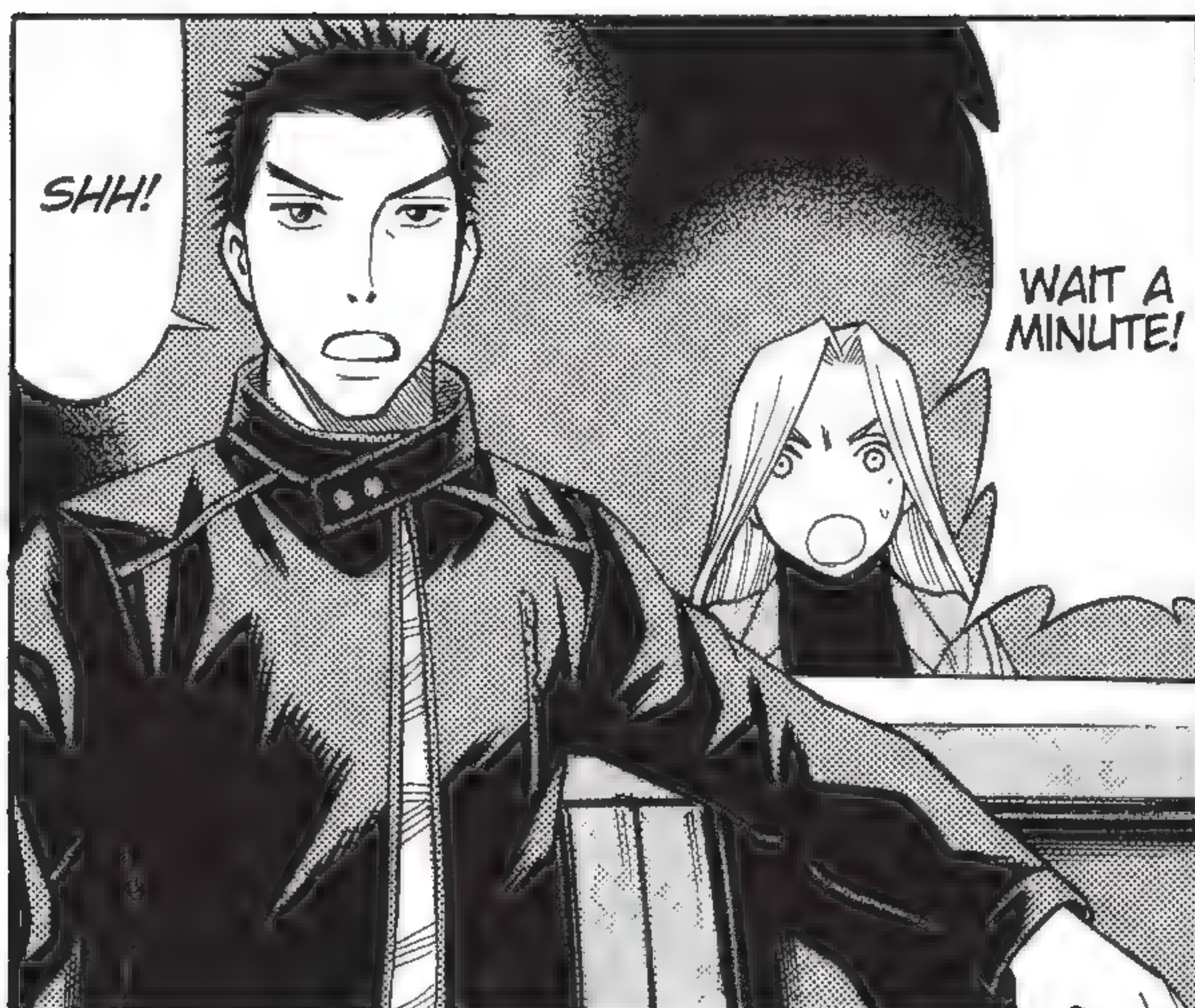






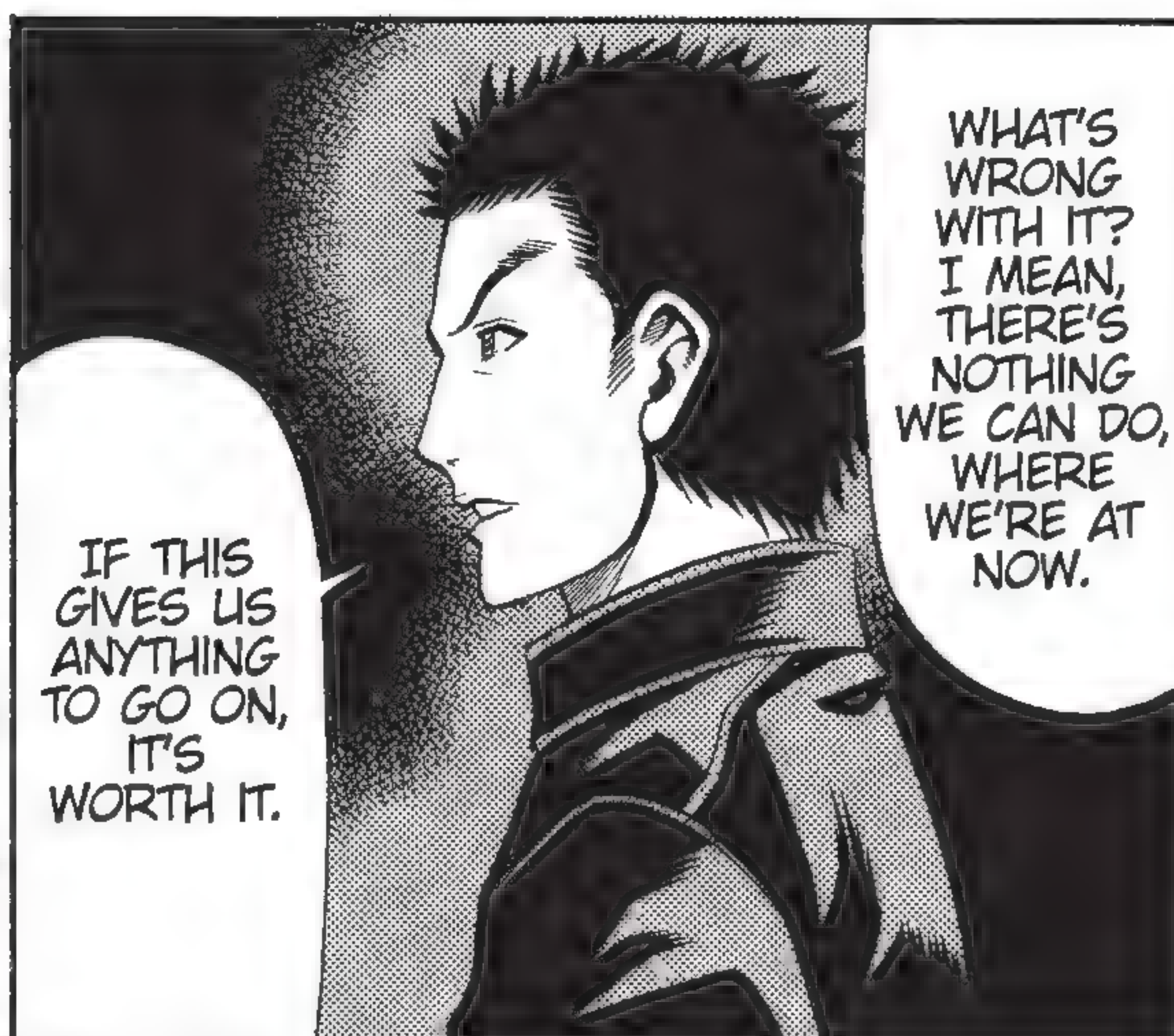






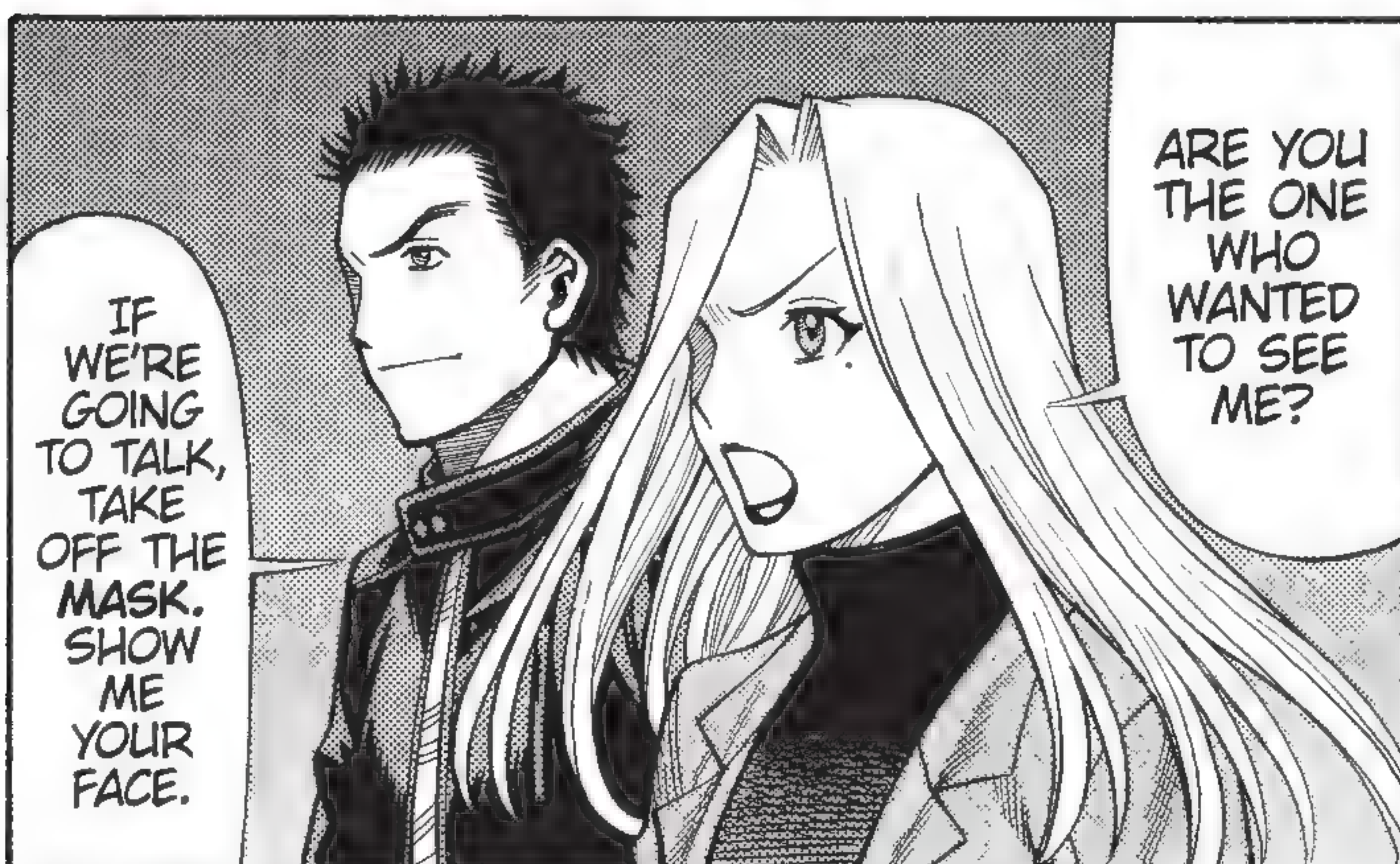
SHH!

WAIT A MINUTE!



IF THIS GIVES US ANYTHING TO GO ON, IT'S WORTH IT.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? I MEAN, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, WHERE WE'RE AT NOW.



IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK, TAKE OFF THE MASK. SHOW ME YOUR FACE.

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WANTED TO SEE ME?

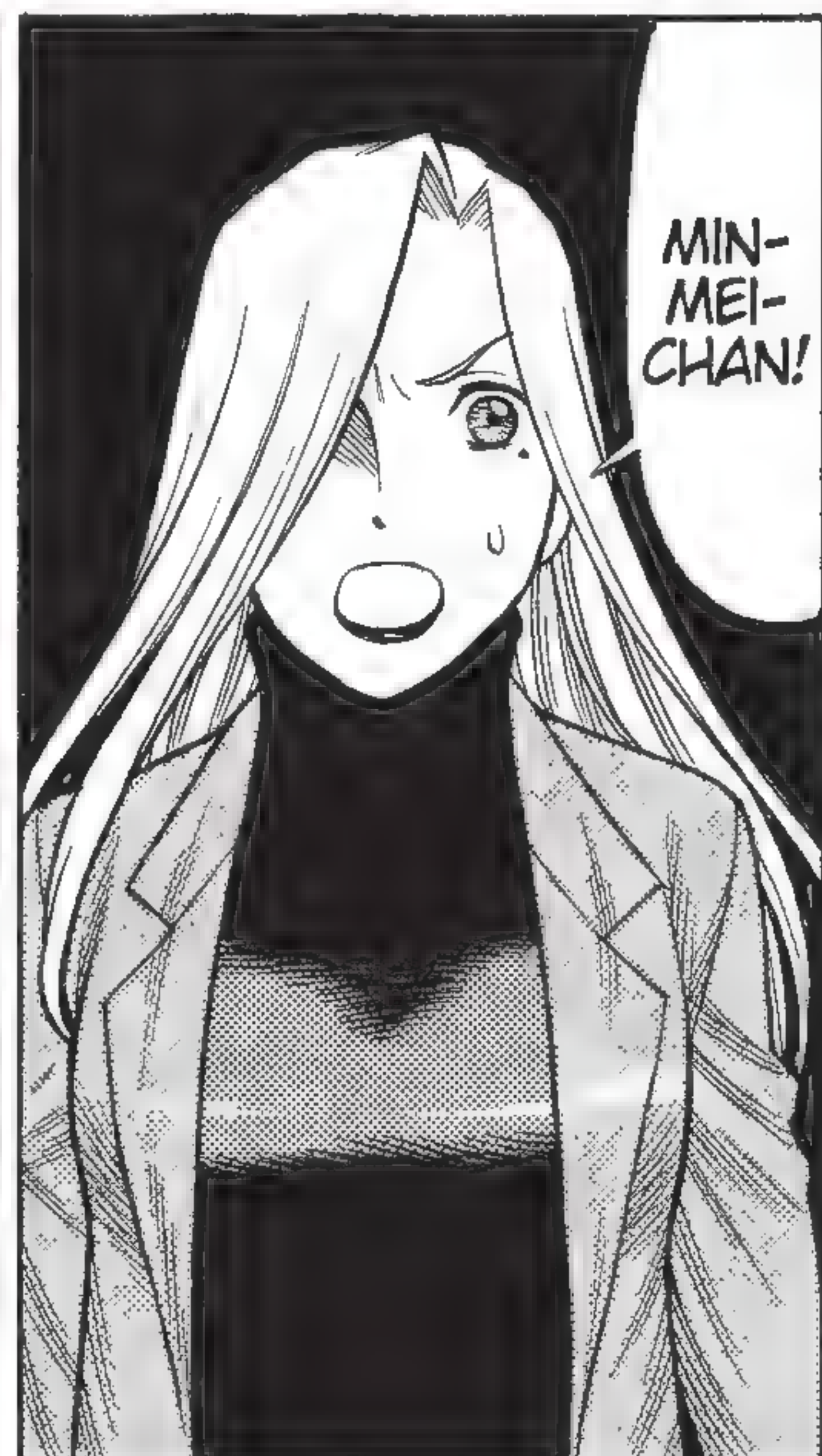
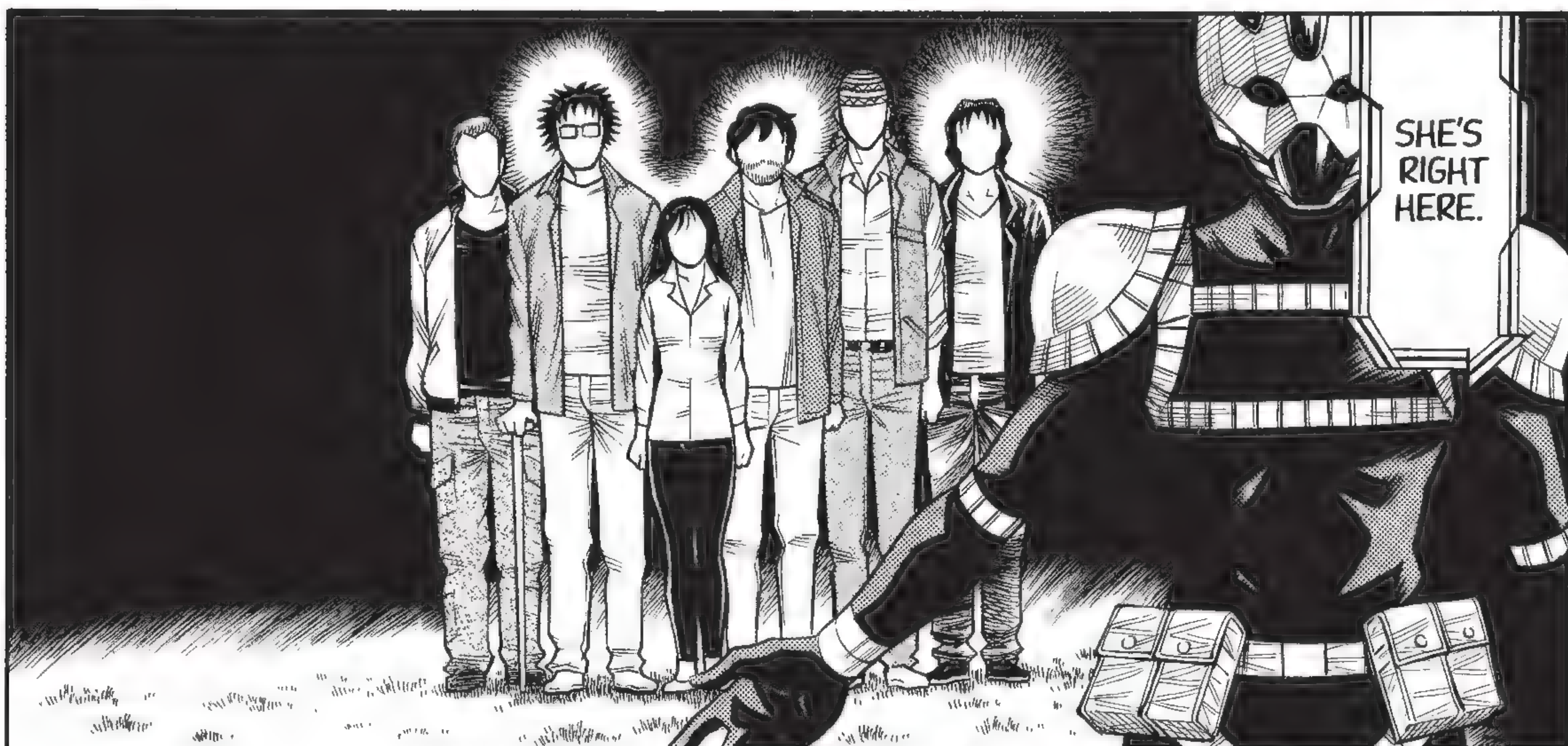


SORRY. THE ONE WHO SENT ME DOESN'T WANT TO REVEAL HIMSELF JUST YET.

I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS ON.



LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HERE.

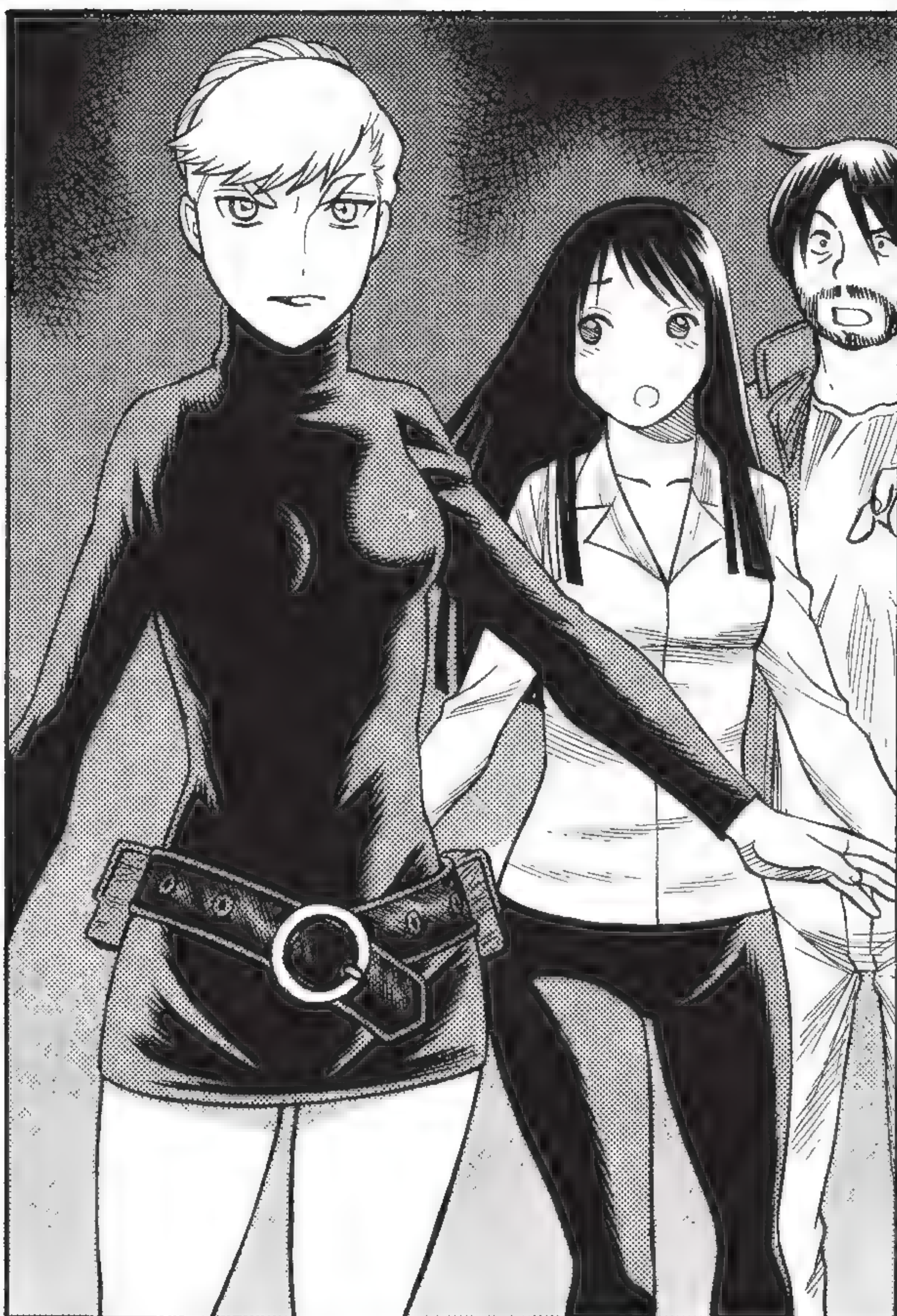




MAKES
SENSE.
SHE'S
DEFINITELY
SOMEBODY
WHO
COULD FIX
EVERY-
THING WITH
A WORD.



MINMEI-CHAN,
ARE THE
VAMPIRES
THAT HAVE
OVERRUN
THE CITY ALL
PART OF
YOUR CLAN?



SHE'S
BEING
CHASED.

I...
I'M
SORRY.
FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH.

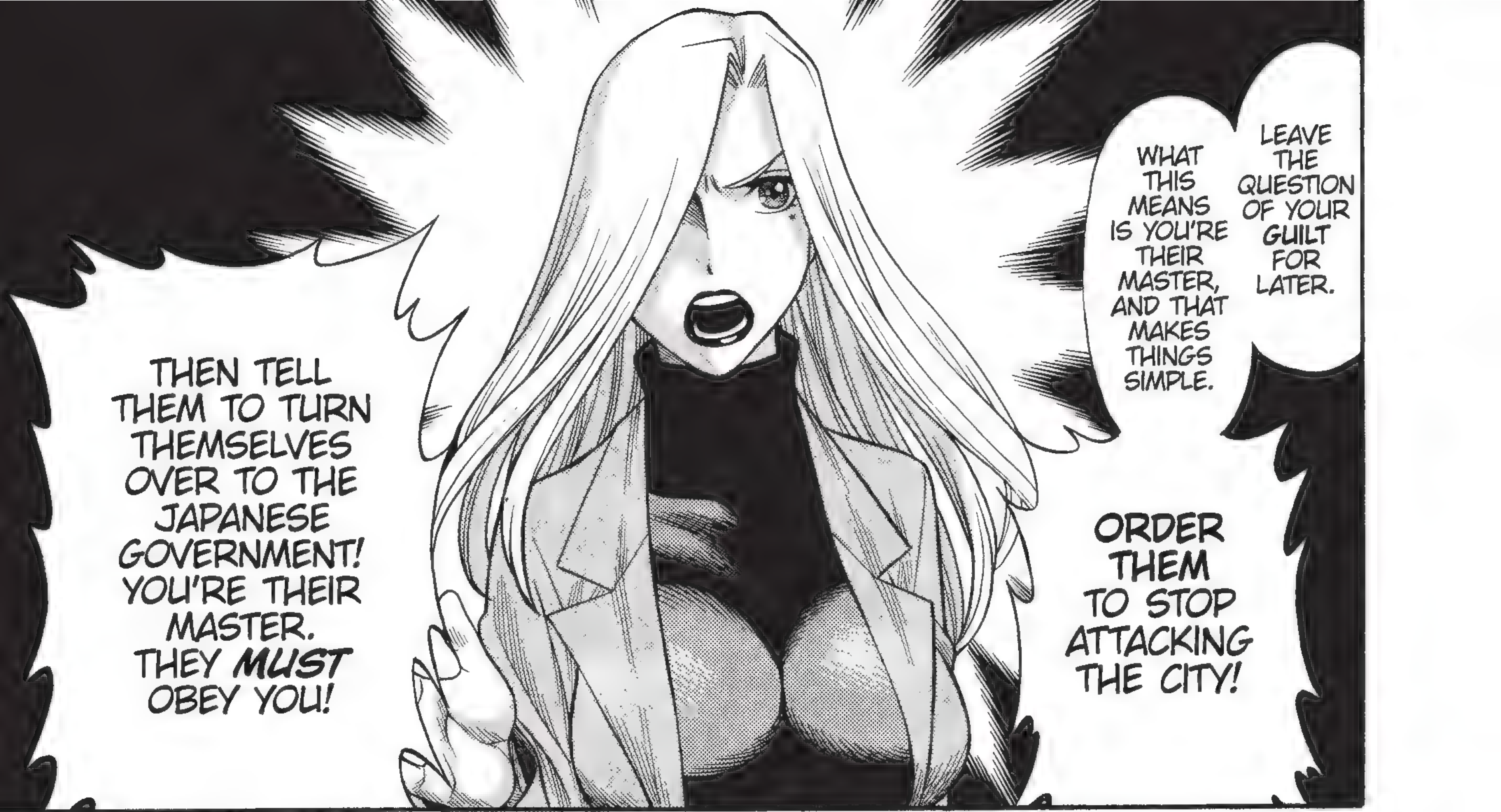
WE HAVE
NO IDEA WHO
THEY ARE, BUT
THEY'RE MEAN.
SO WE, UM...
WE NEEDED
HELP. WE GOT
VOLUNTEERS
TOGETHER,
AND UH...



IT'S
NOT
HER
FAULT!

SHE ONLY
EVER BIT
ME AND A
FEW OF
MY FRIENDS,
AND THAT
WAS A LONG
TIME AGO!
BUT, UM,
SHE...

SHE'S
NOT
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
TURNING
EVERY-
BODY!!



THEN TELL
THEM TO TURN
THEMSELVES
OVER TO THE
JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT!
YOU'RE THEIR
MASTER.
THEY **MUST**
OBEY YOU!

WHAT
THIS
MEANS
IS YOU'RE
THEIR
MASTER,
AND THAT
MAKES
THINGS
SIMPLE.

LEAVE
THE
QUESTION
OF YOUR
GUILT
FOR
LATER.

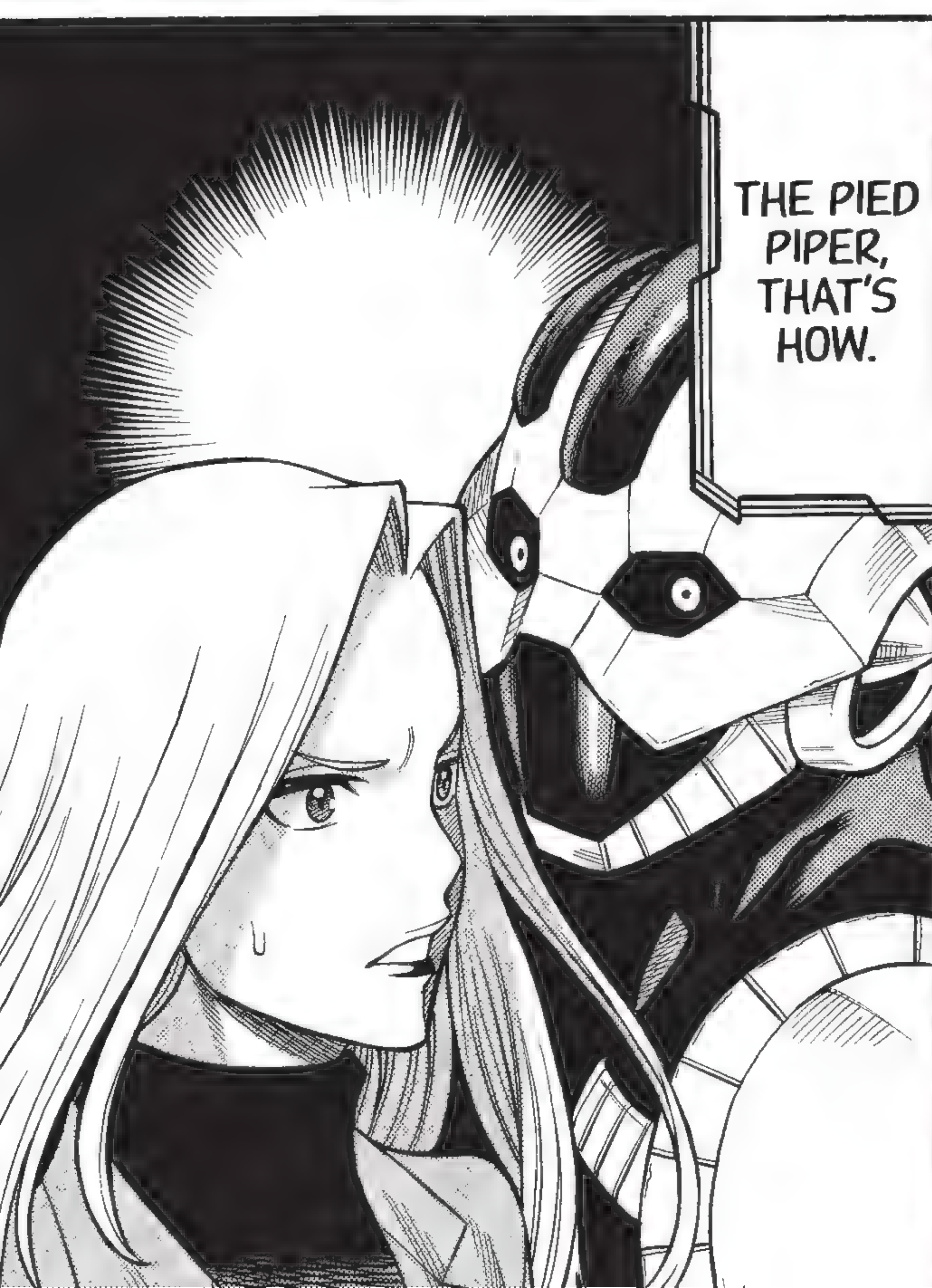
ORDER
THEM
TO STOP
ATTACKING
THE CITY!



MINMEI-
CHAN!




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THE PIED
PIPER,
THAT'S
HOW.



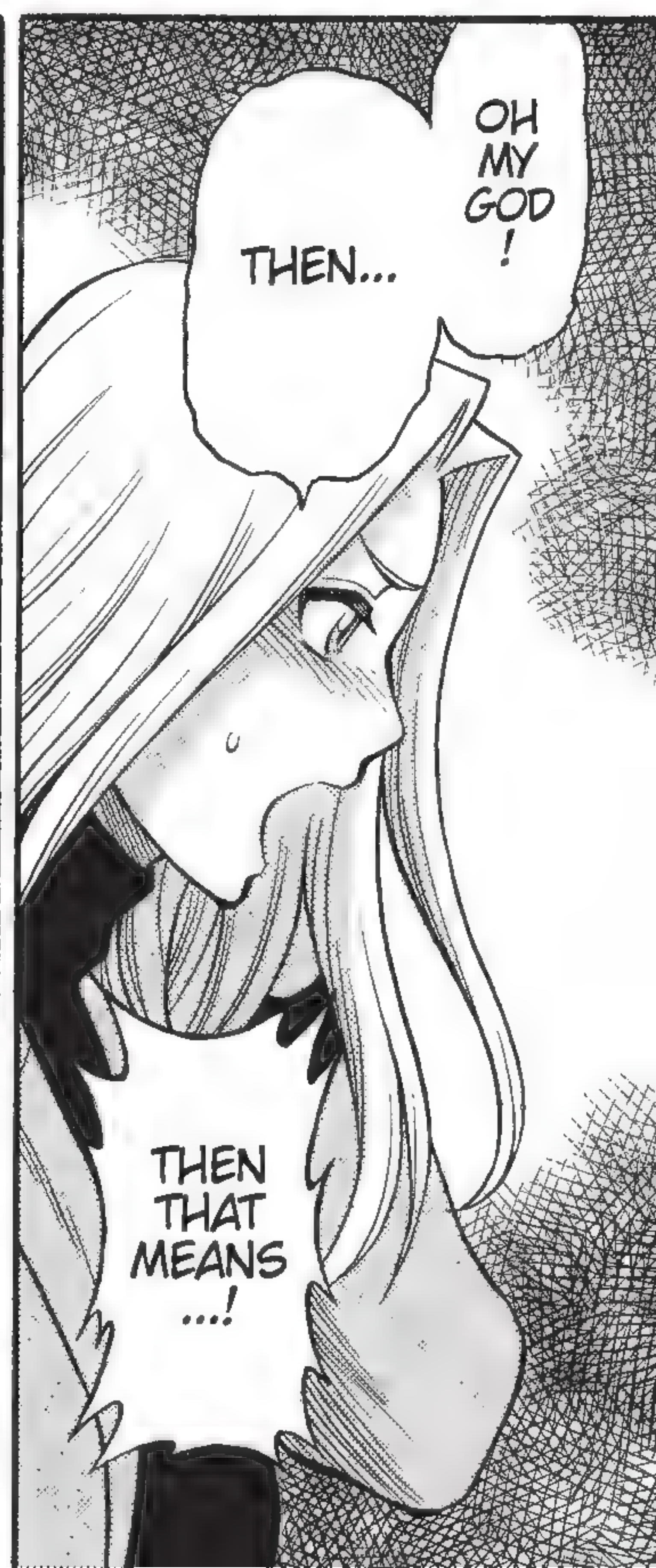
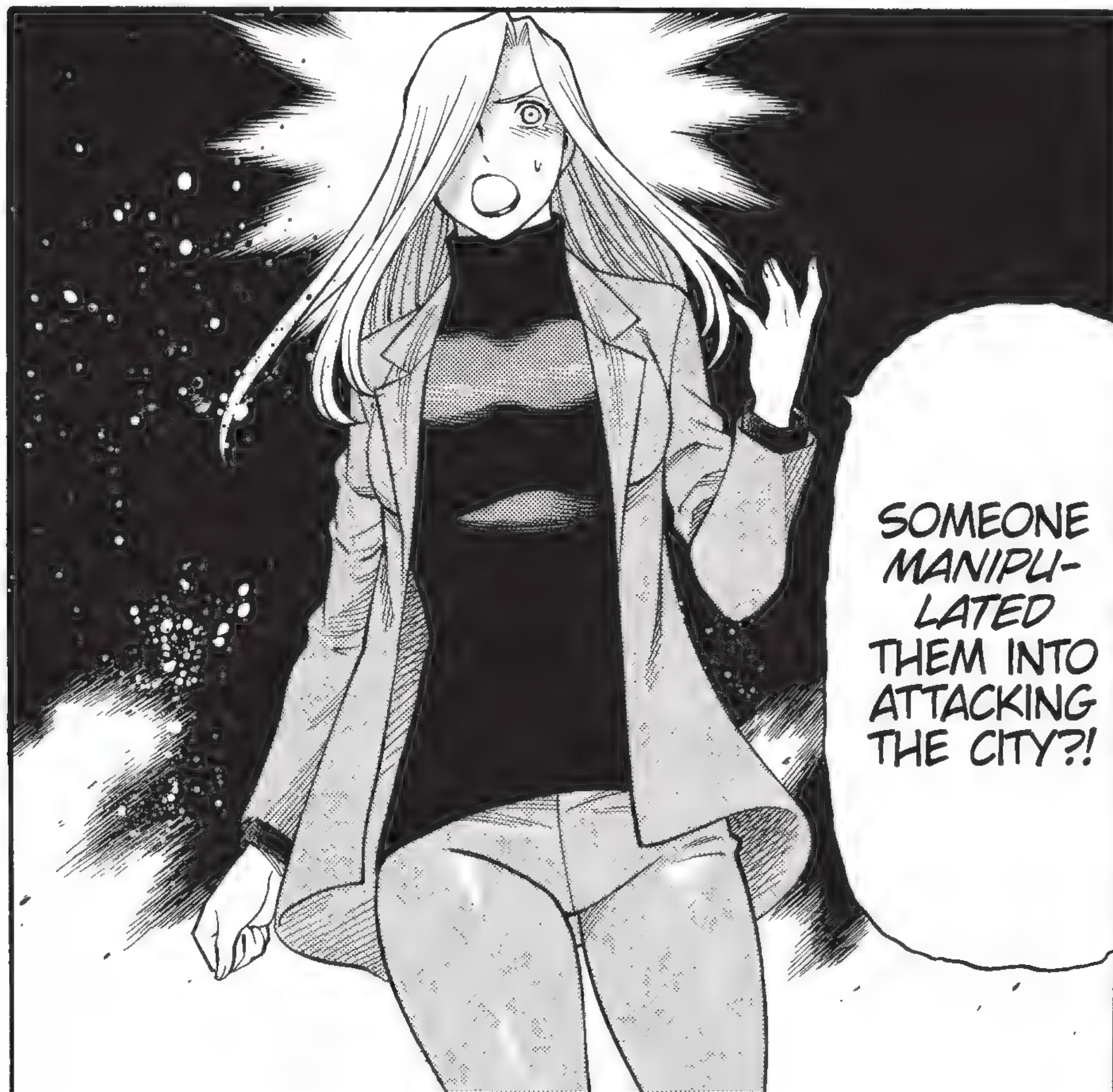
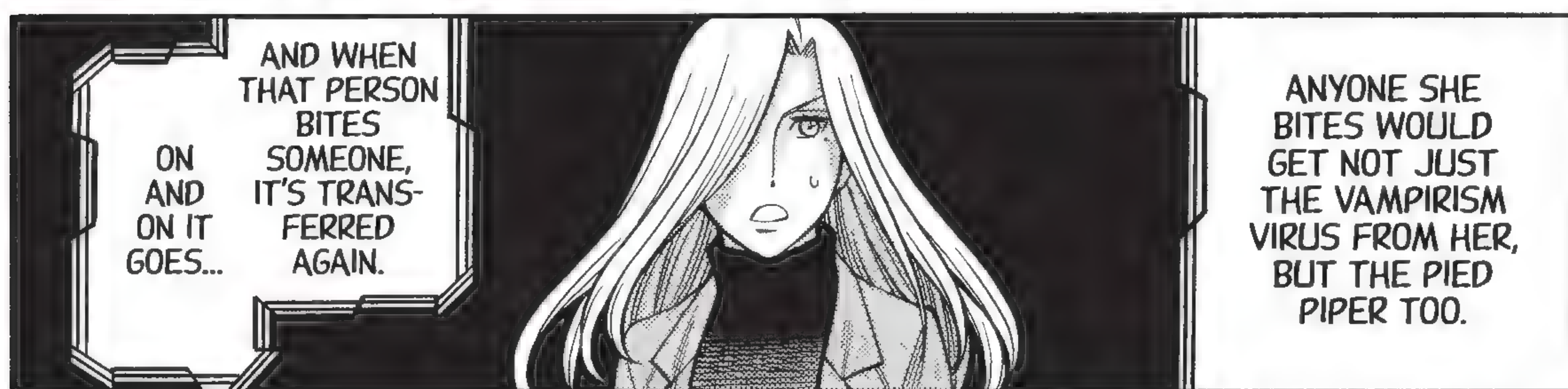
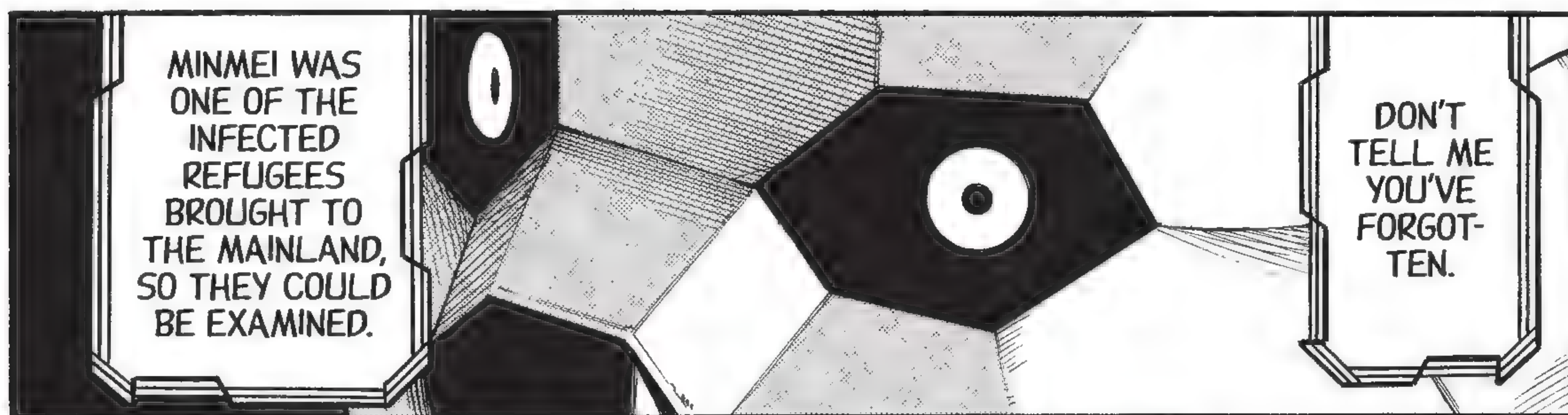
WHAT?!
HOW IS
THAT
POSSIBLE
?



NONE OF
THEM
LISTENED.

IT DOESN'T
WORK. WE ALL
TRIED TELLING
THEM TO STOP,
DOZENS OF
TIMES.

SHE
CAN'T.





THERE'S ONLY
ONE PERSON
OUT THERE
WHO CAN USE
THE PIED
PIPER AS A
WEAPON.

REAL
SHORT
LIST OF
SUSPECTS
...



AH!



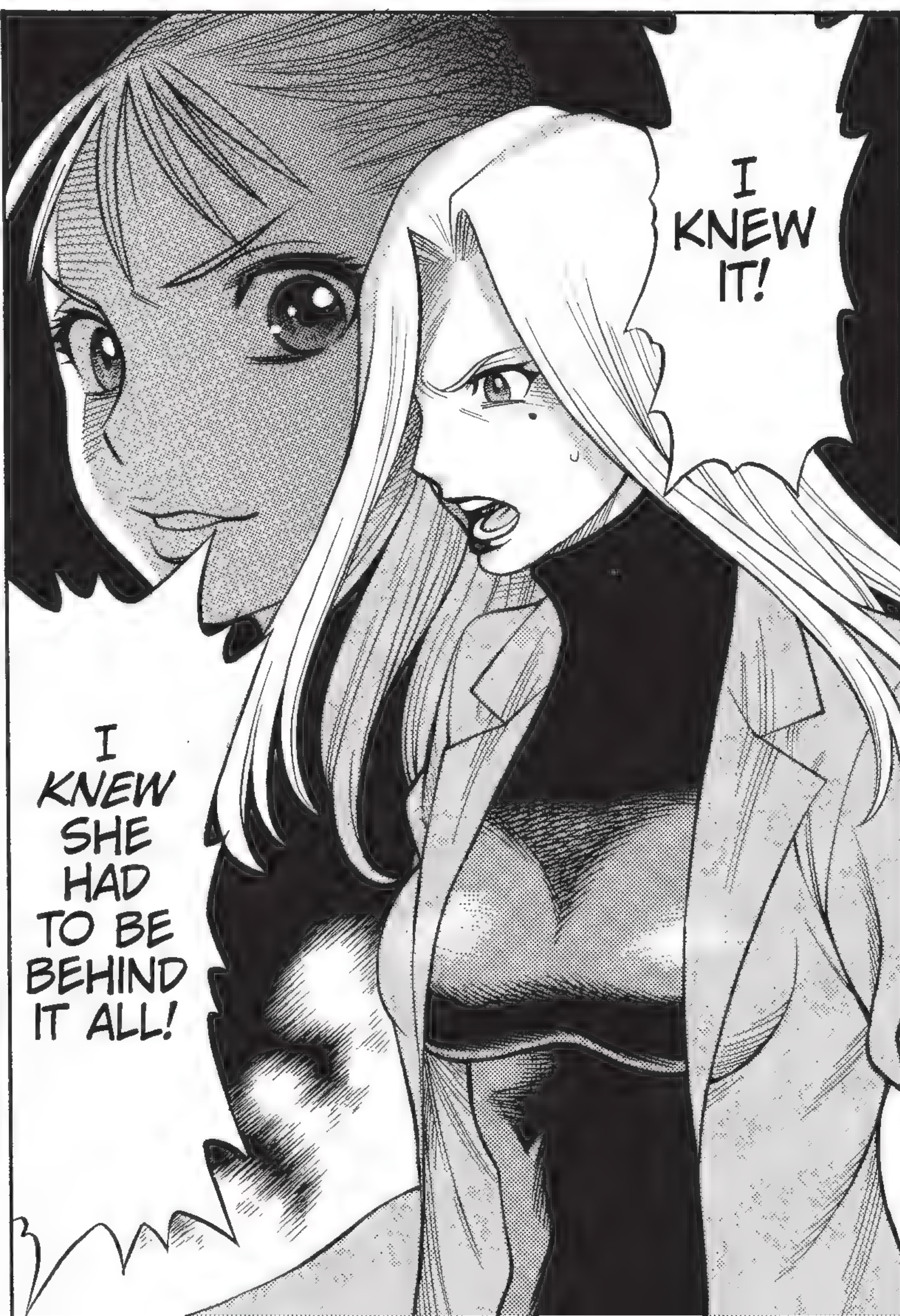
RIGHT.
THERE'S
NO DOUBT
THAT
THE FAKE
QUEEN IS
THE ONE
PULLING
ALL THE
STRINGS.

BUT IN
THIS CASE,
SOMEONE
ELSE
PULLED
THE
TRIGGER.



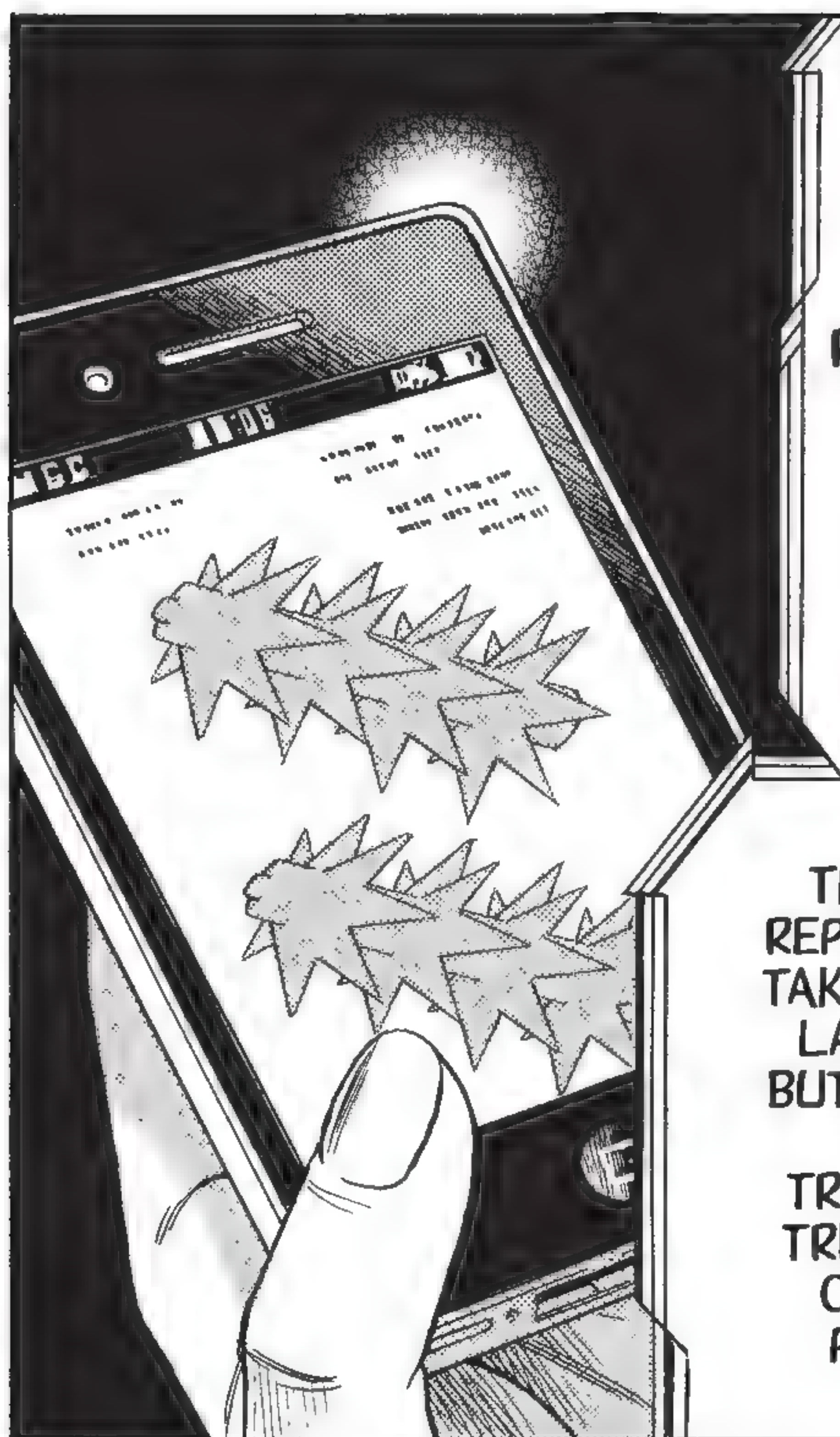
HERE.
A PRESENT
FROM MY
BOSS.
HAVE A
LOOK.

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?



I
KNEW
IT!

I
KNEW
SHE
HAD
TO BE
BEHIND
IT ALL!

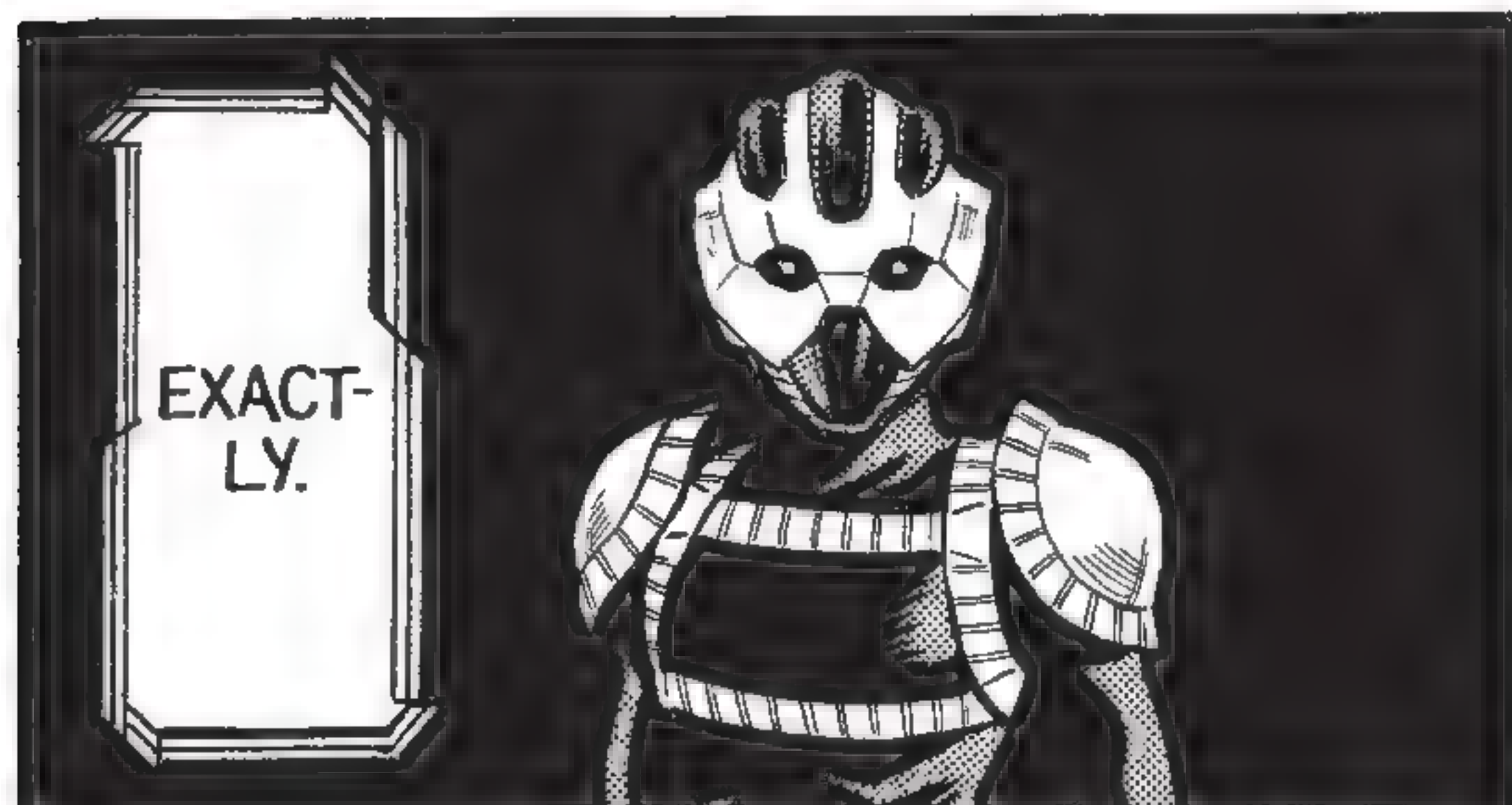


SEE, THE PIED PIPER WAS DESIGNED TO BE REPROGRAMMABLE, EVEN AT A DISTANCE, TO MAKE IT ADJUSTABLE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MISSION.

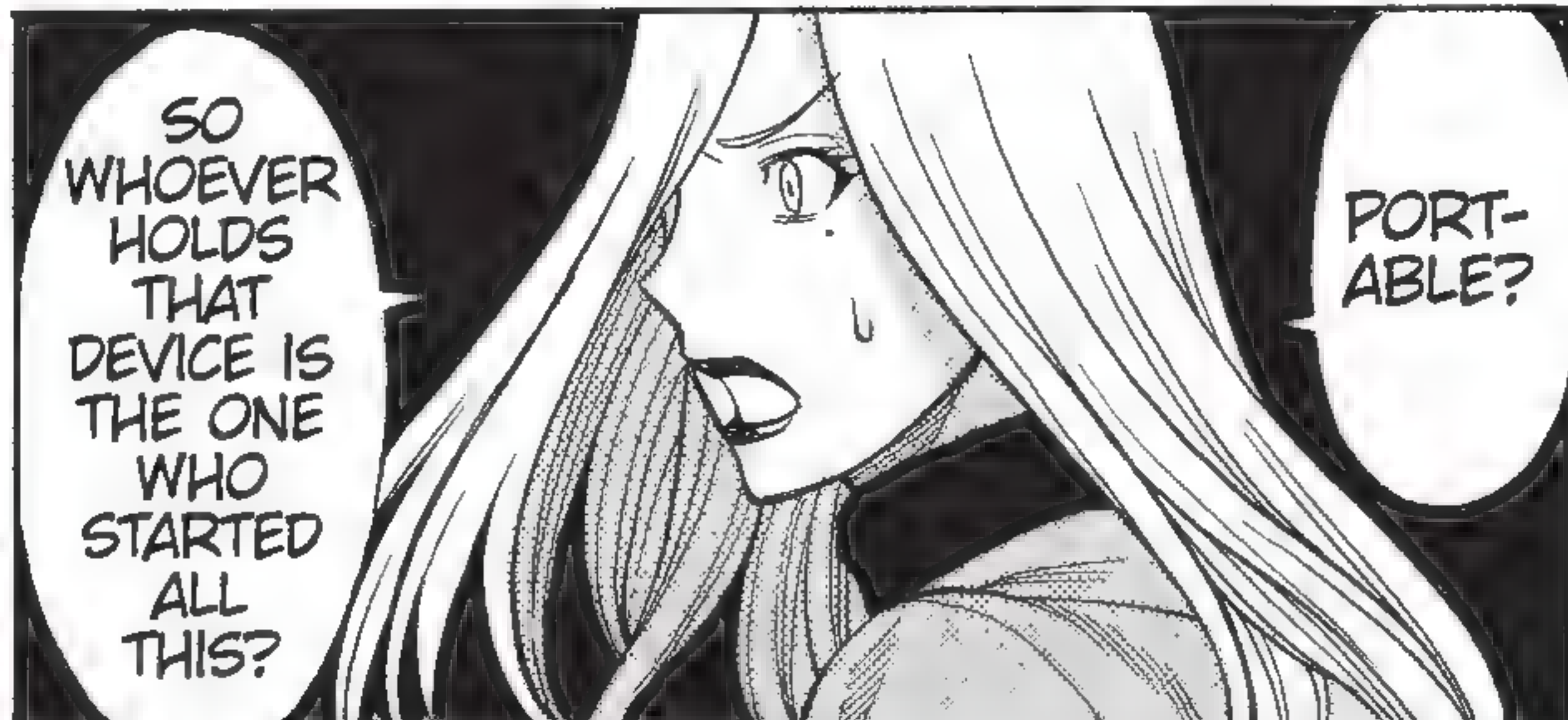
THE ACTUAL REPROGRAMMING TAKES A PRETTY LARGE SETUP, BUT THE DEVICE THAT CAN TRANSMIT AND TRIGGER THOSE CHANGES IS PORTABLE.



IT'S A TOP SECRET FILE FROM THE PIED PIPER'S DEVELOPMENT.



EXACTLY.



SO WHOEVER HOLDS THAT DEVICE IS THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL THIS?

PORTABLE?



BUT WE DO KNOW ...

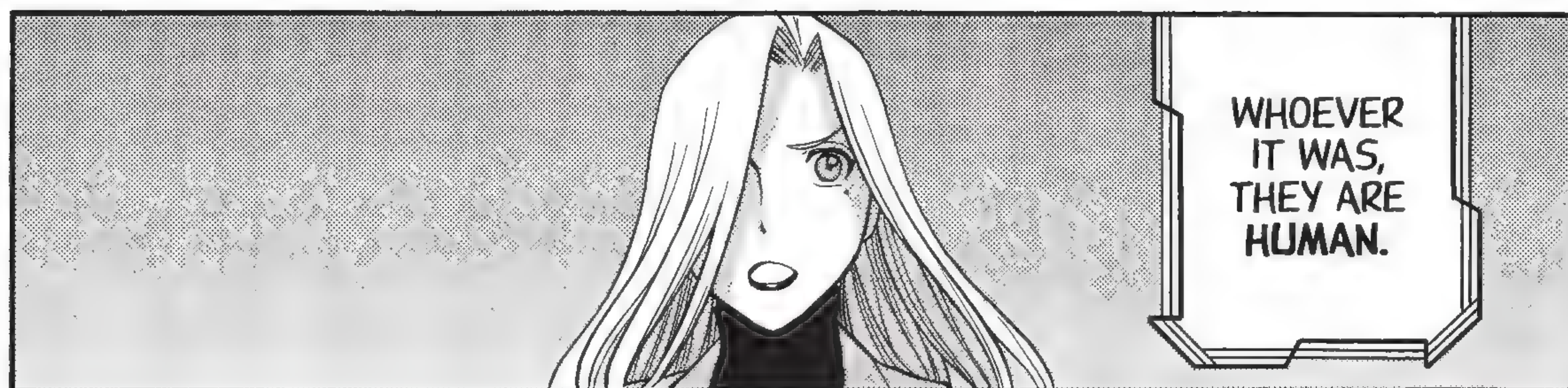
MY BOSS HAS NO IDEA, UNFORTUNATELY. ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THE DEVICE WAS PASSED INTO THE HANDS OF ANOTHER.

WE DON'T KNOW WHO THAT SOMEBODY IS.

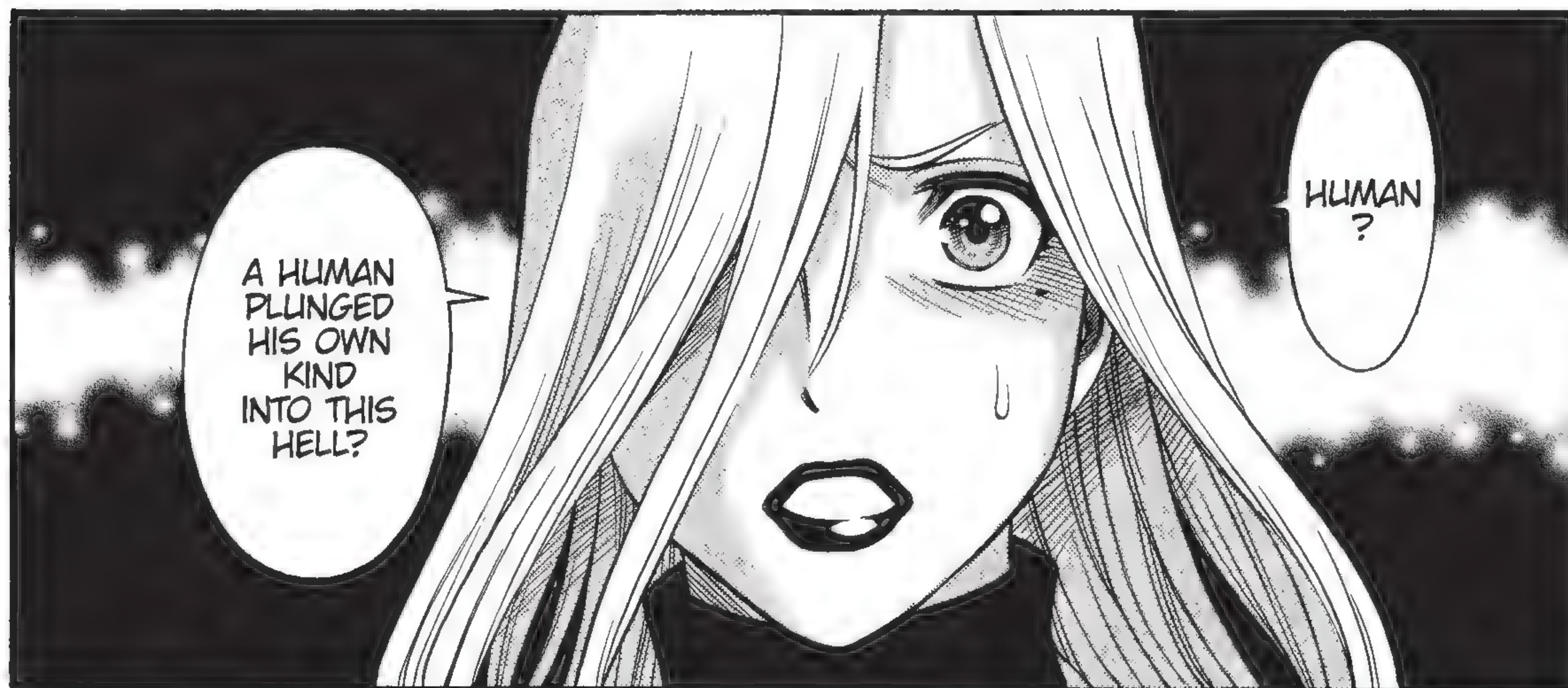


SO WHO IS IT, EH? I BET YOUR BOSS KNOWS.

AFTER ALL, TO KNOW ANY OF THIS, HE HAS TO BE SOMEBODY IN A POSITION TO ACCESS THE BLIND'S TOP SECRET FILES.

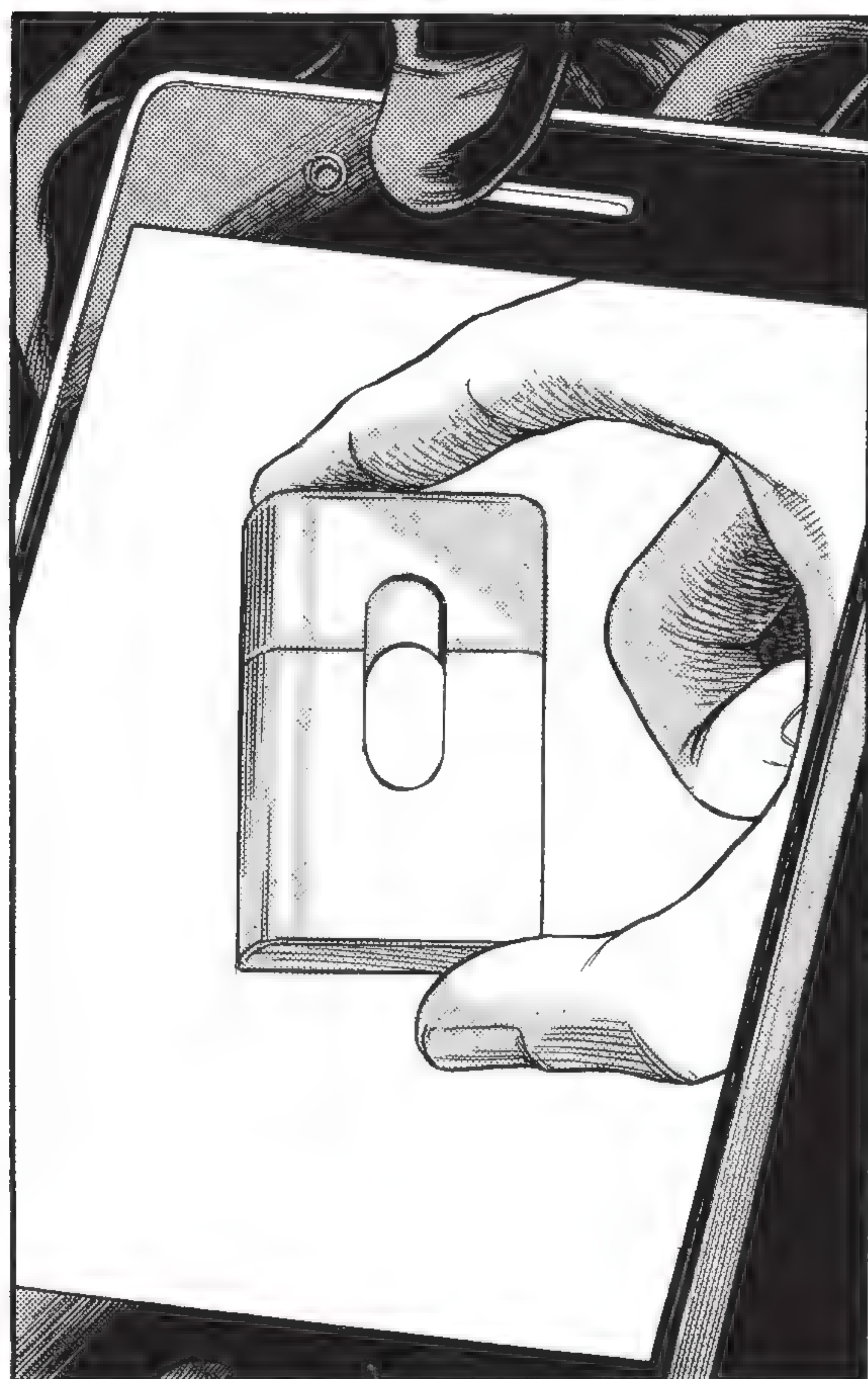


WHOEVER
IT WAS,
THEY ARE
HUMAN.



A HUMAN
PLUNGED
HIS OWN
KIND
INTO THIS
HELL?

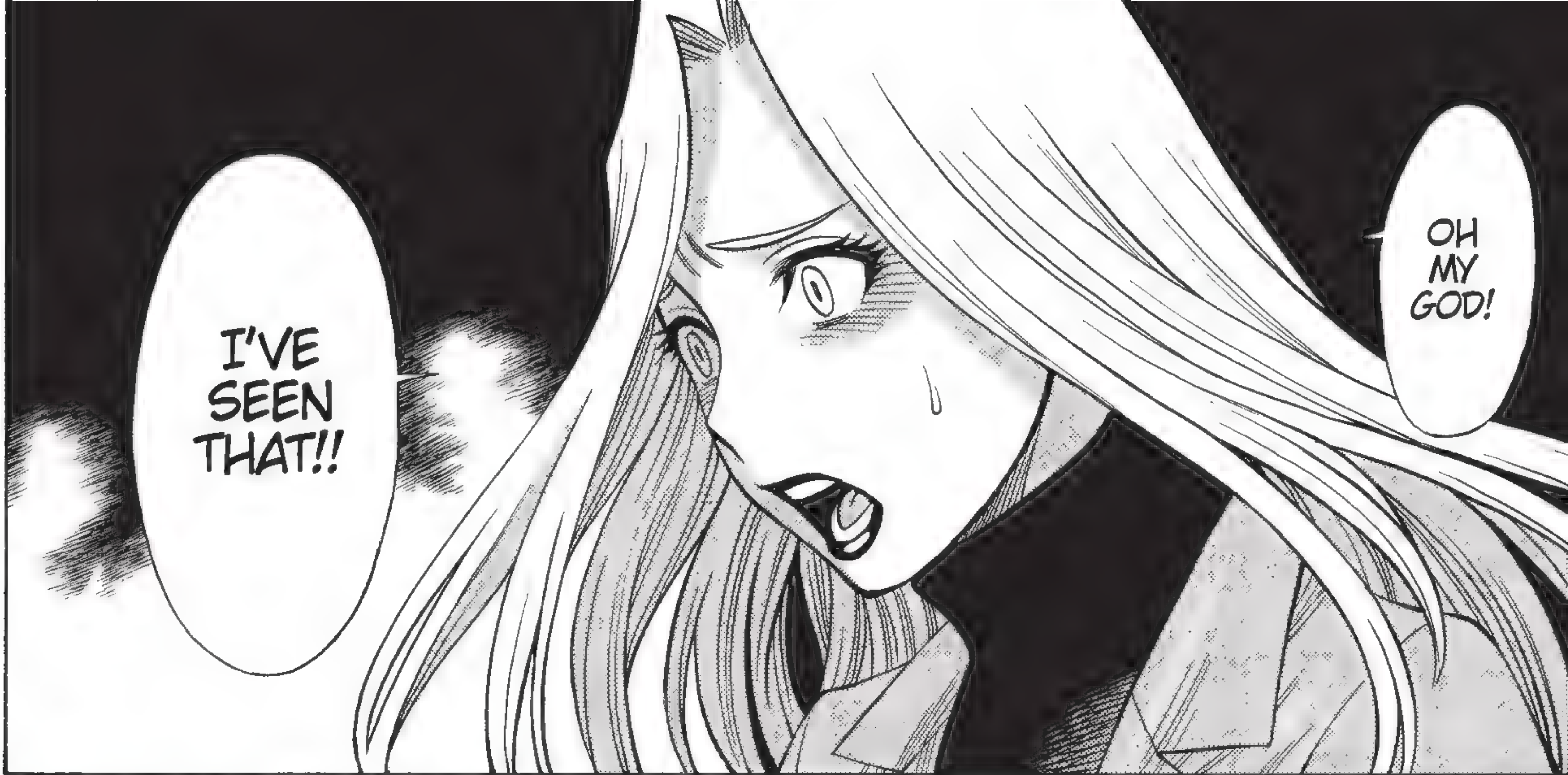
HUMAN
?



I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH
THIS'LL HELP,
BUT WE
HAVE A
PHOTO OF
THE DEVICE.

IT WAS
TAKEN
DURING THE
ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PROTOTYPE.





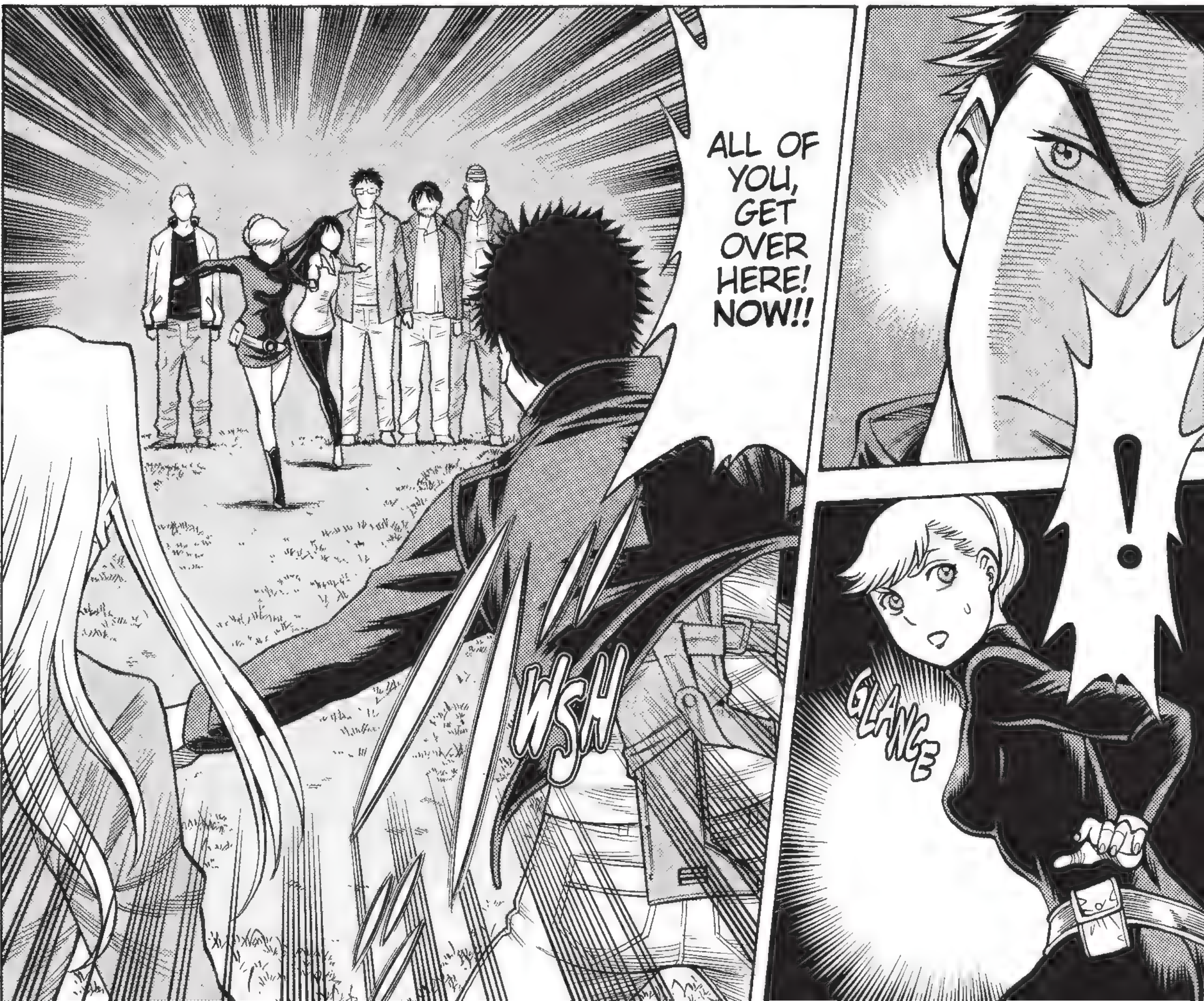
I'VE
SEEN
THAT!!

OH
MY
GOD!



WHERE
?!

!

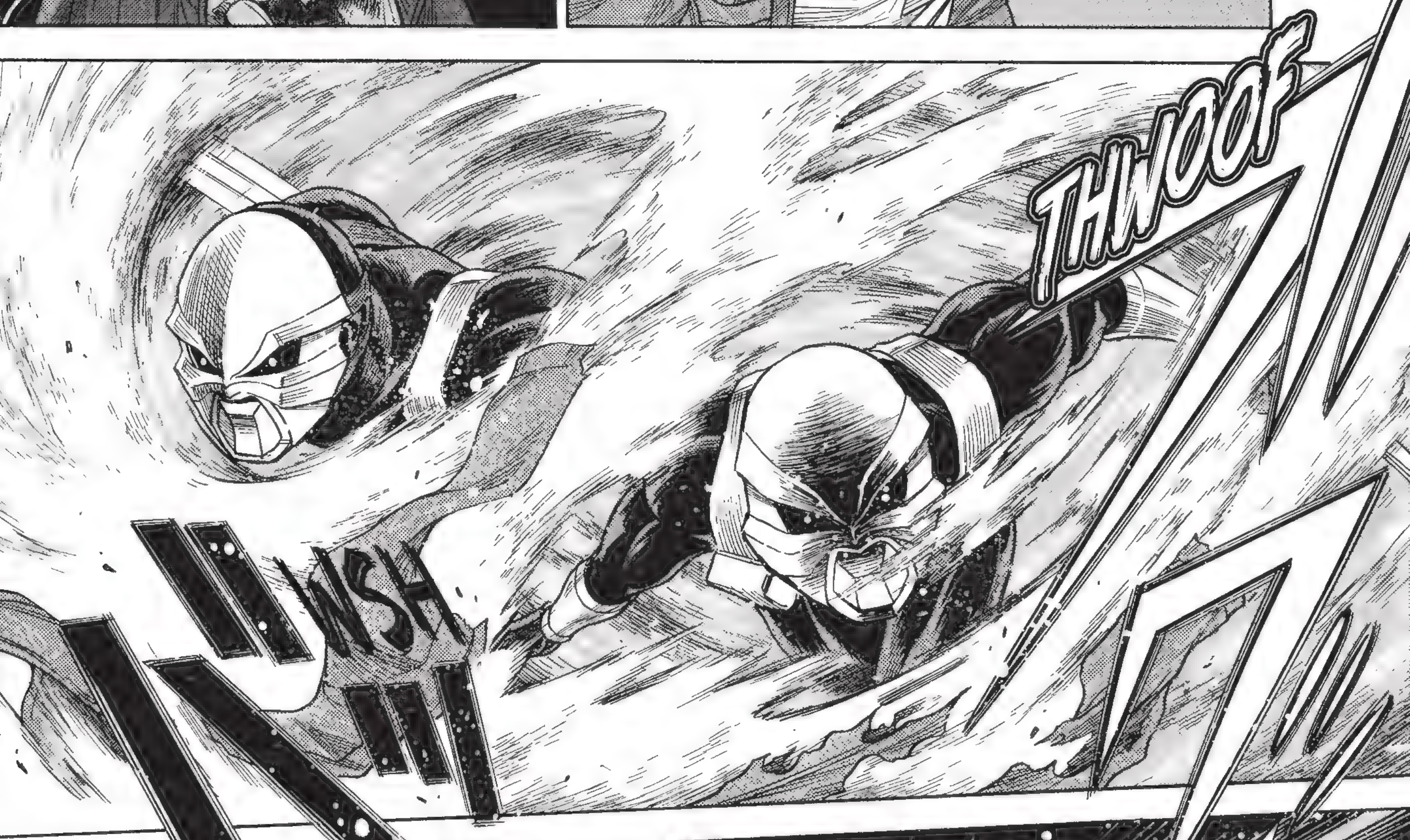
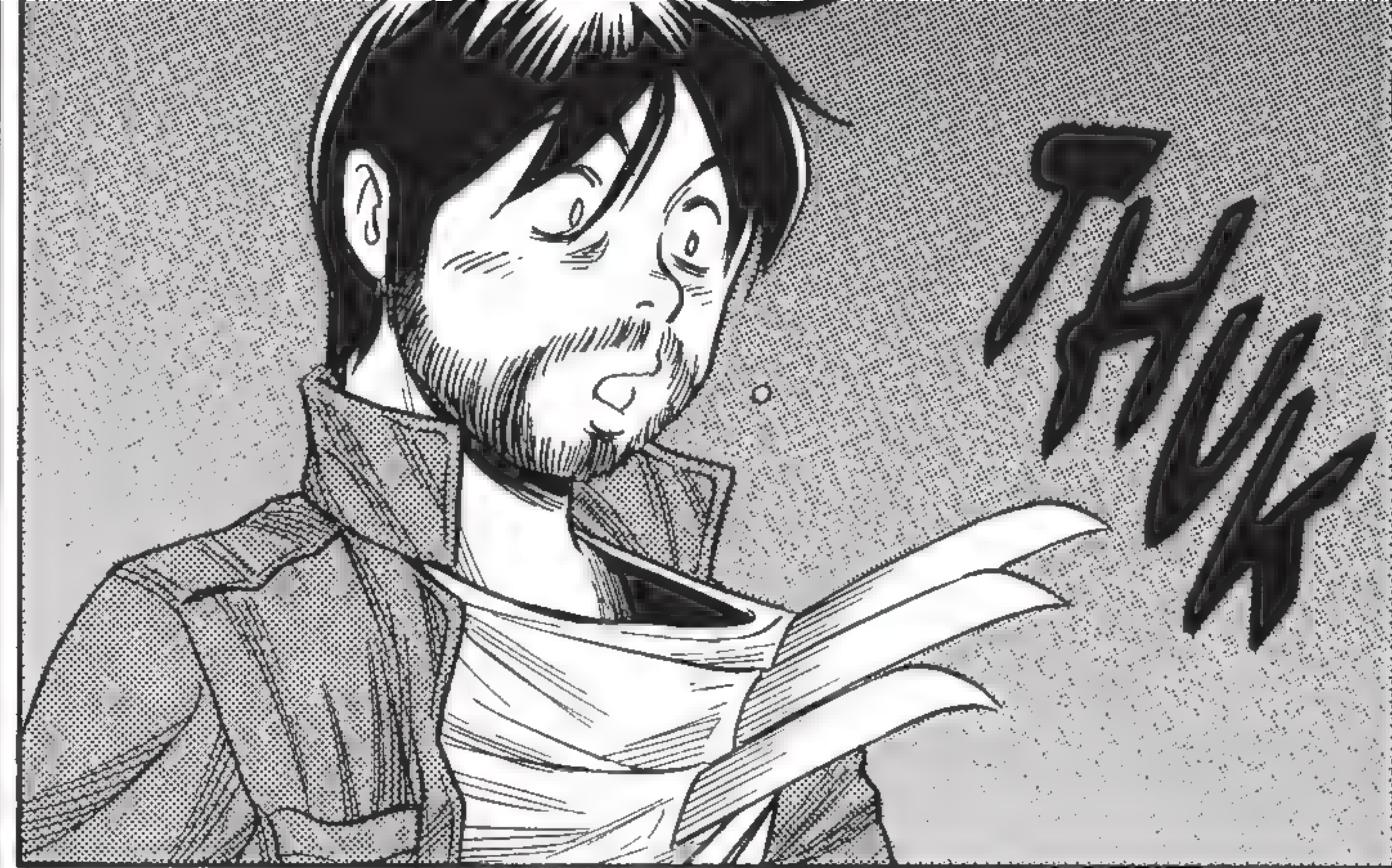


ALL OF
YOU,
GET
OVER
HERE!
NOW!!

WSH

GLANCE

!





I MADE
SURE
NO ONE
FOLLOWED
US
HERE!!

WHAT
THE
HELL...?
HOW DID
THEY
FIND
US?!

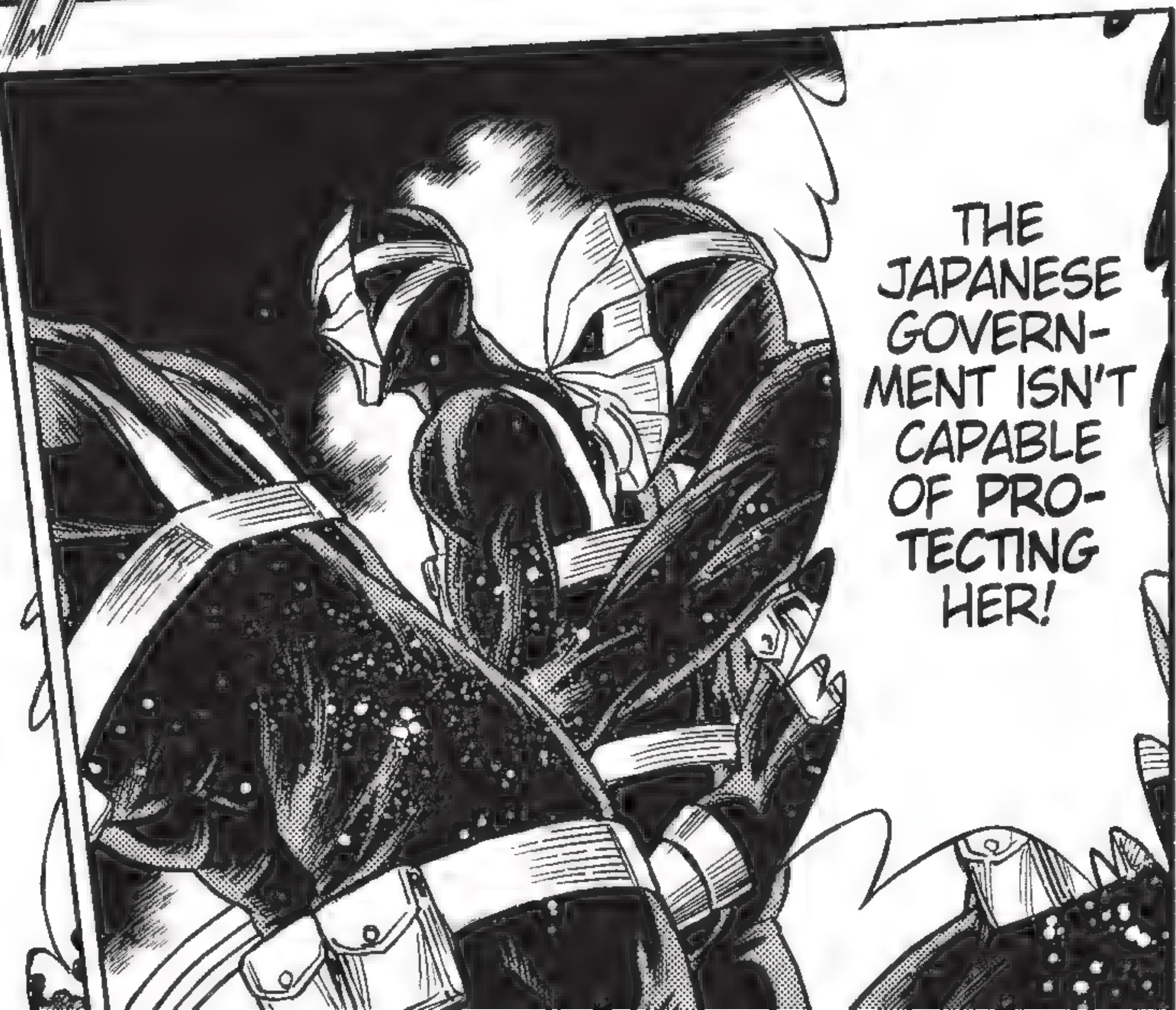


THAT'S
WHY
I'VE
BEEN
AGAINST
THIS
FROM
THE
START!



LESS
TALK,
MORE
RUNNING
!!

GET THE
GIRL AND
GOTOH-SAN
INTO
THE CAR,
AND GO!!



THE
JAPANESE
GOVERN-
MENT ISN'T
CAPABLE
OF PRO-
TECTING
HER!



COUN-
CILOR
RYUU?!



WHO
IS
HE?

THAT
GUY'S
SECOND-
IN-
COMMAND
TO LI
HIMSELF!

DAMN,
WE SURE
GOT THE
ATTENTION
OF A BIG
FISH!

MISSY
...



JUST
WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?!



请您回到
故国去。

<I ASK YOU
TO RETURN
TO YOUR
COUNTRY.>

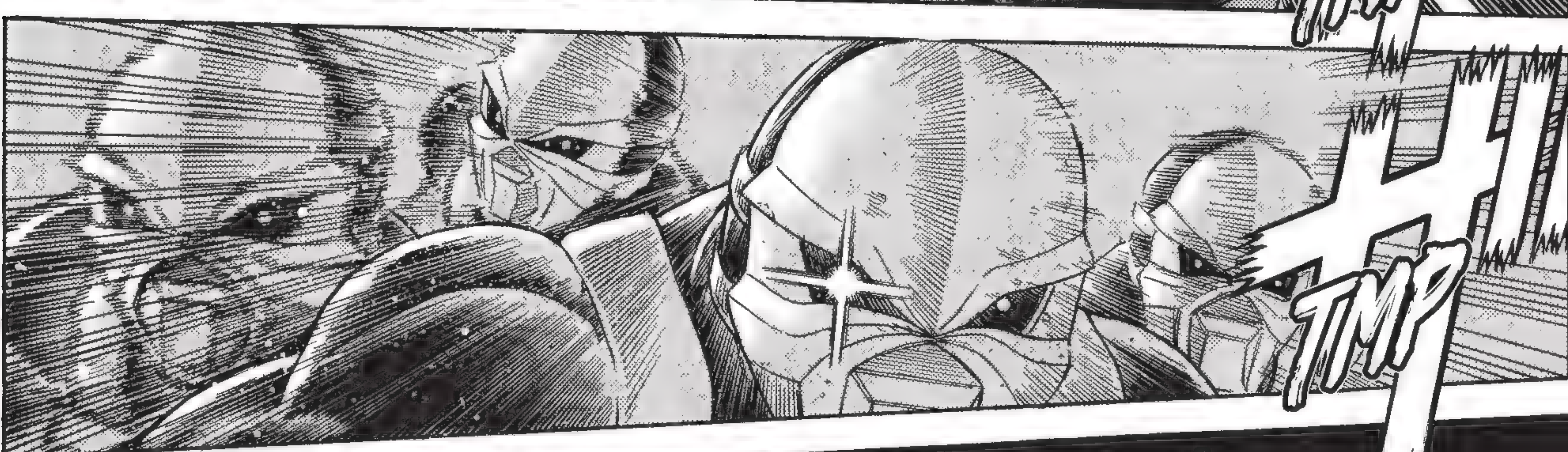
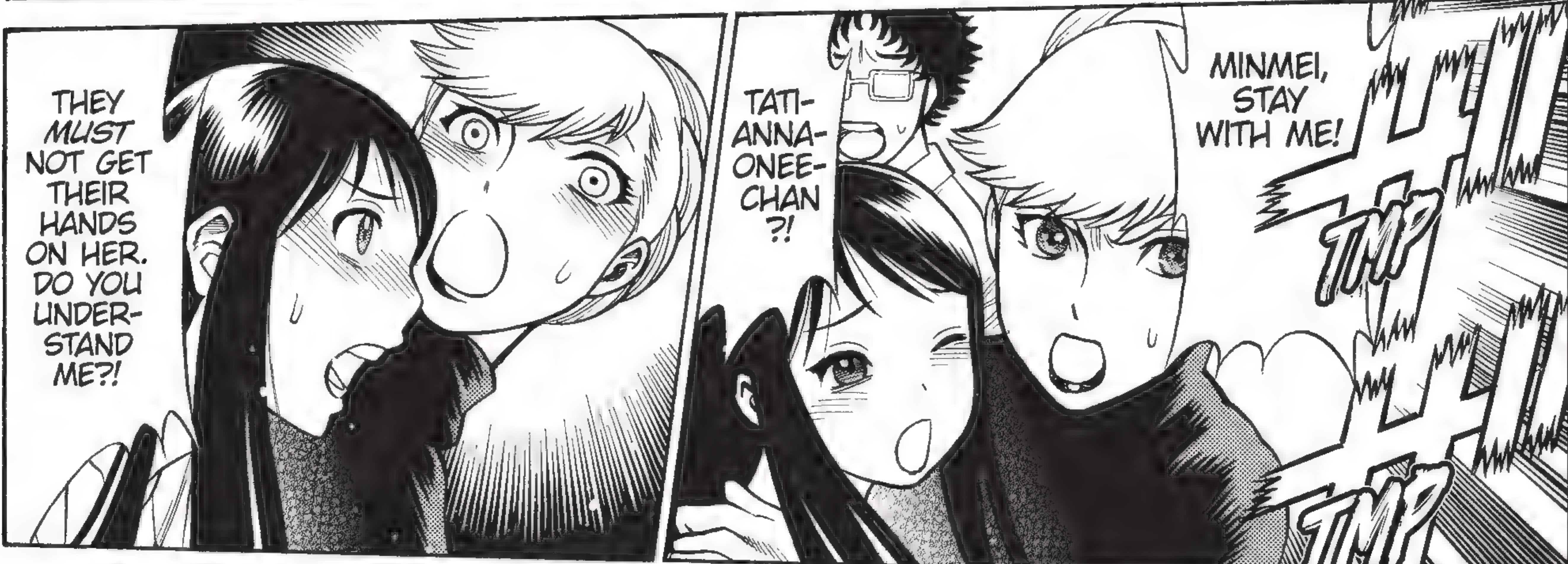
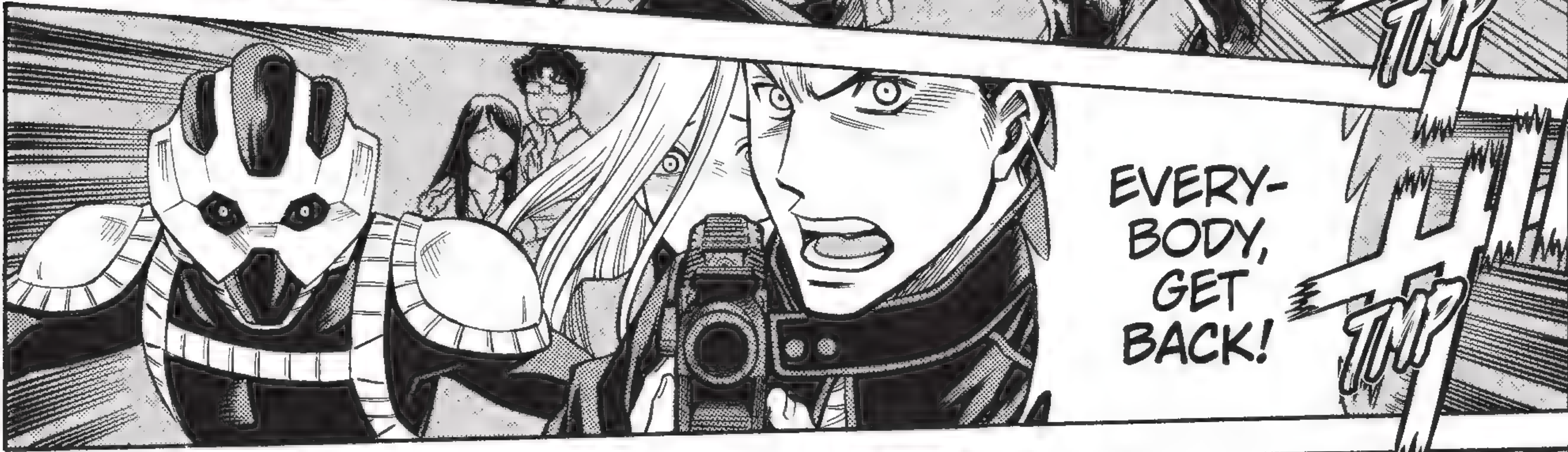
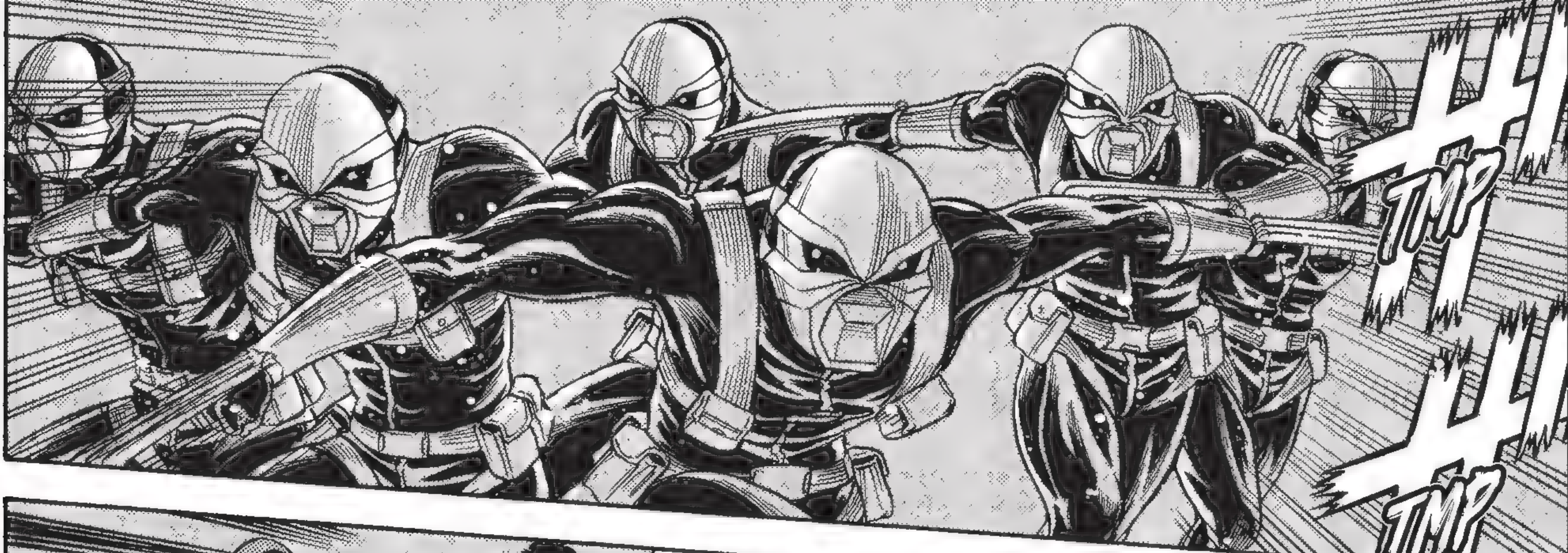
您的兄长
在等候您。

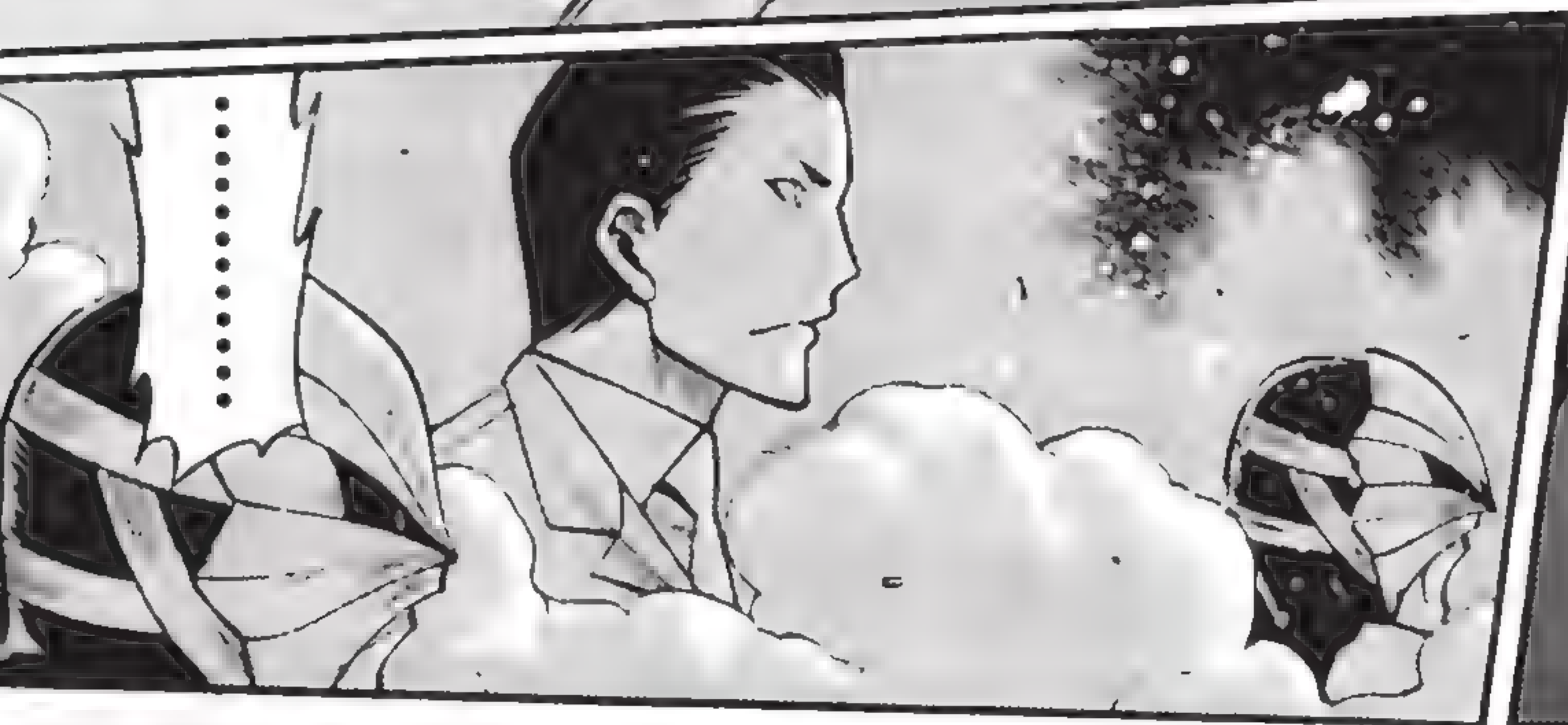
<YOUR
BROTHER IS
AWAITING
YOUR
ARRIVAL.>

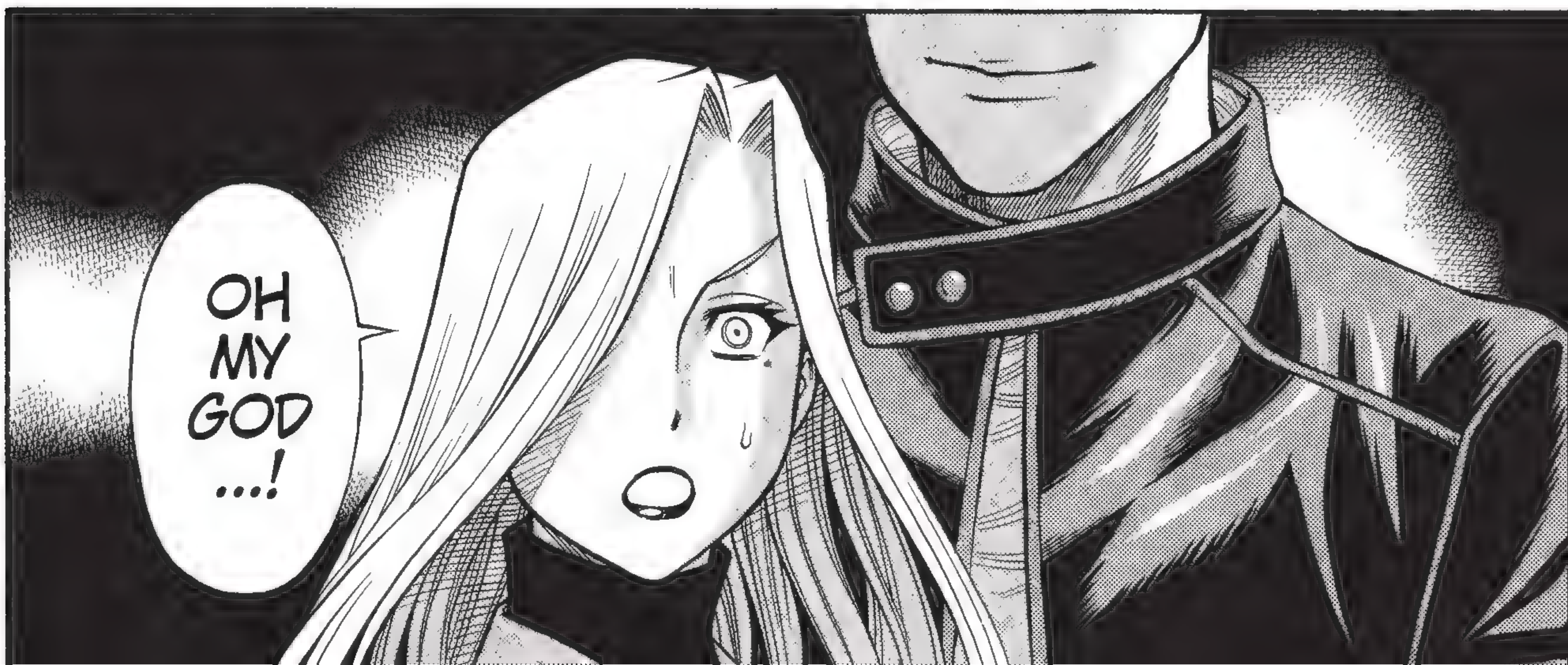
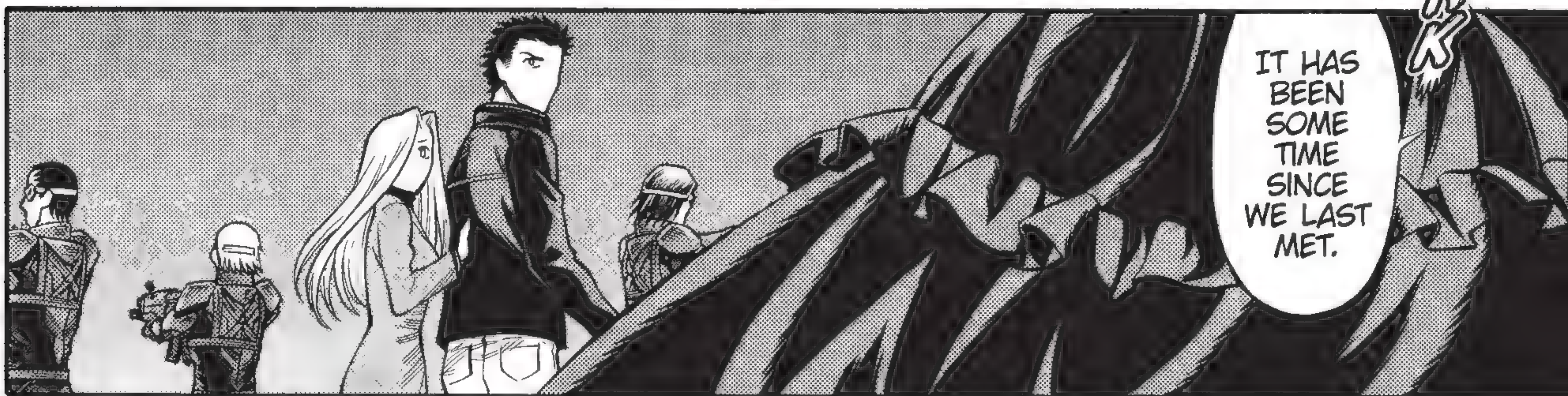
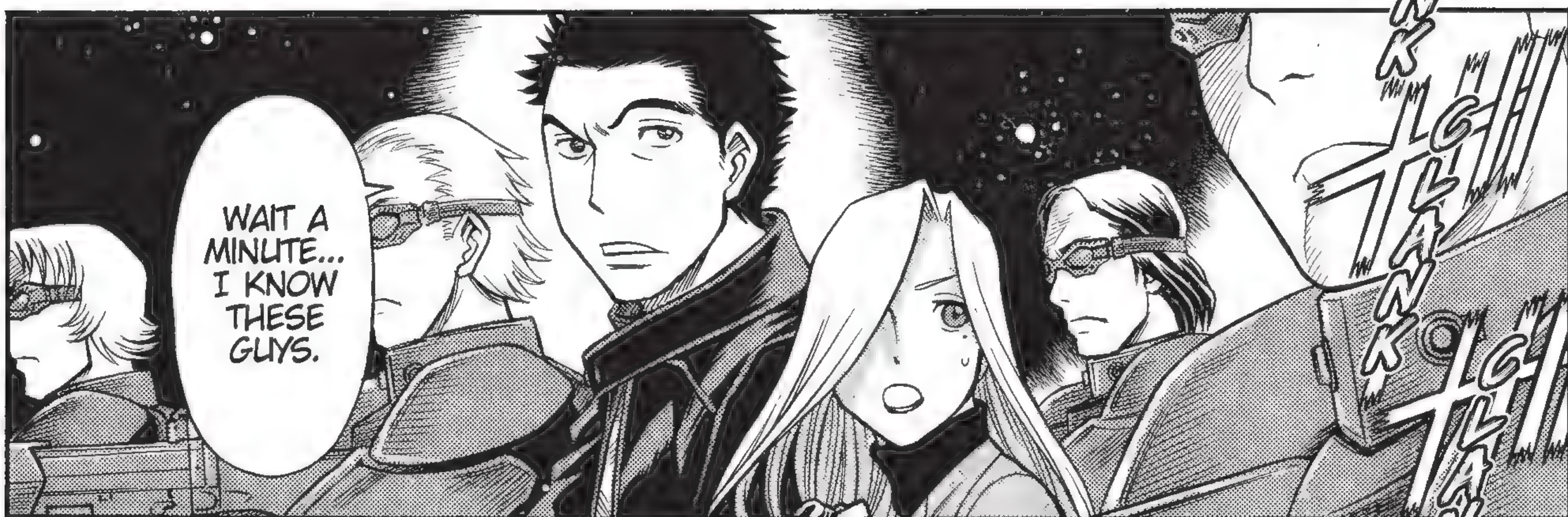


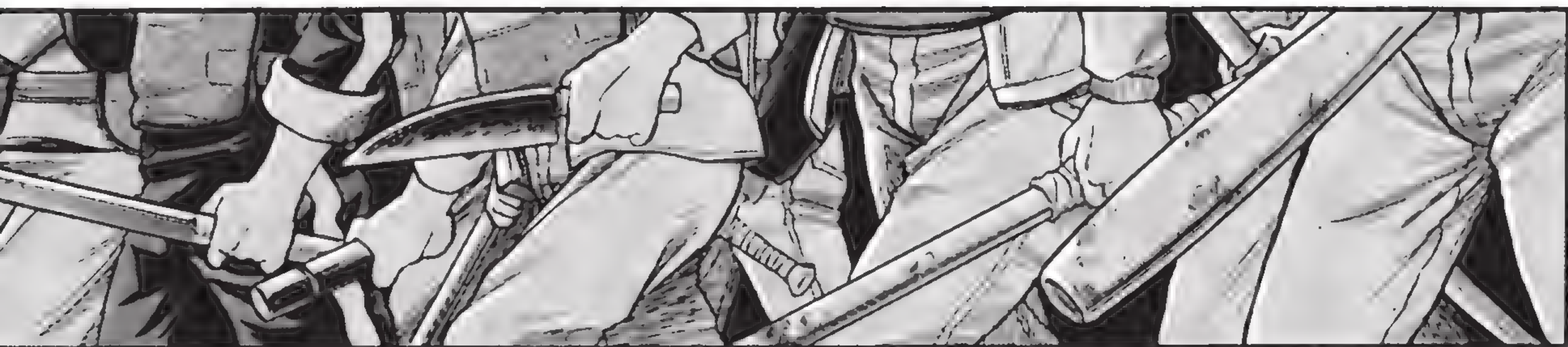
公主殿下
<YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.>











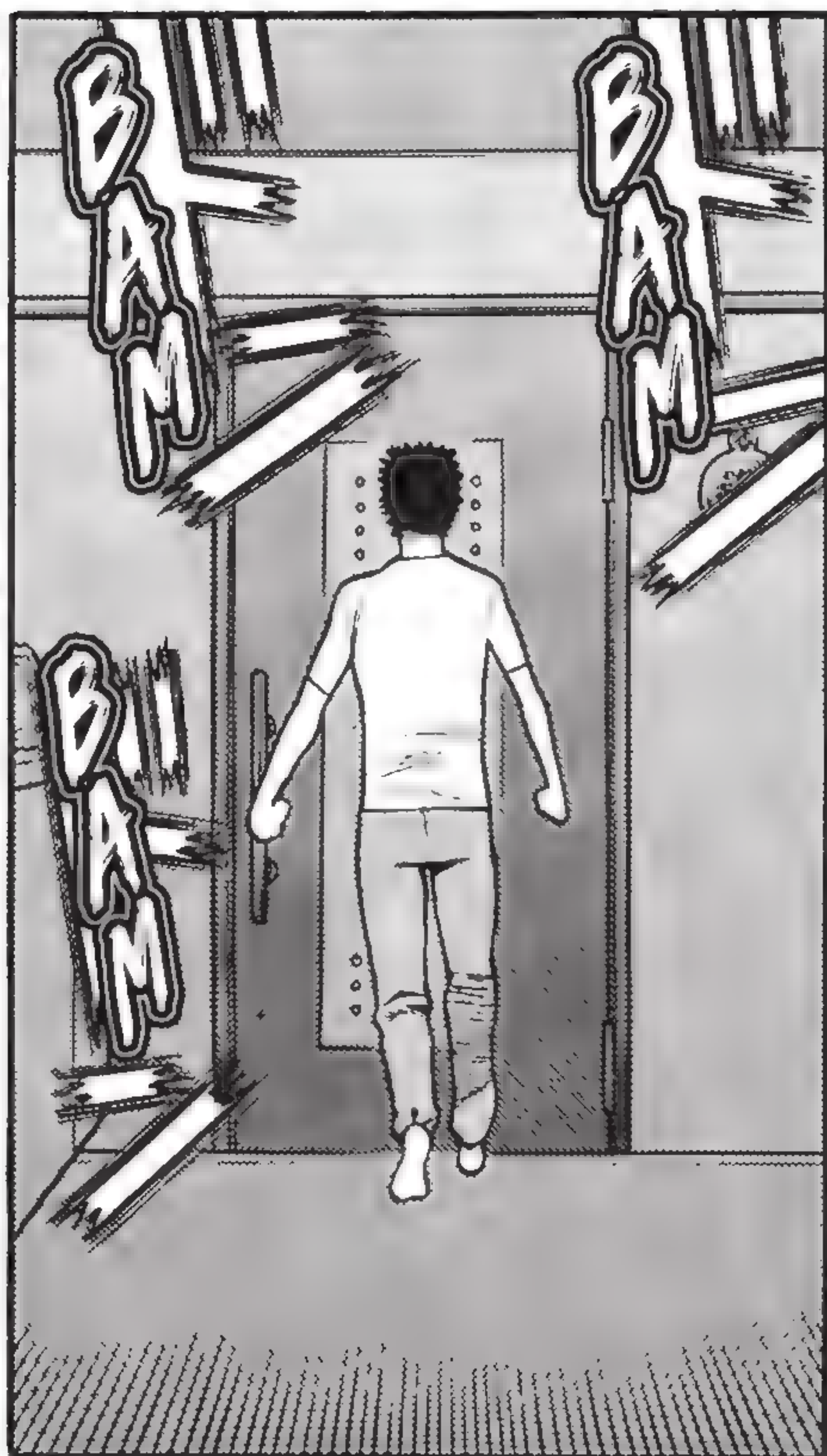




WHAT?!
DO YOU
GUYS
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT
TIME
IT IS?!



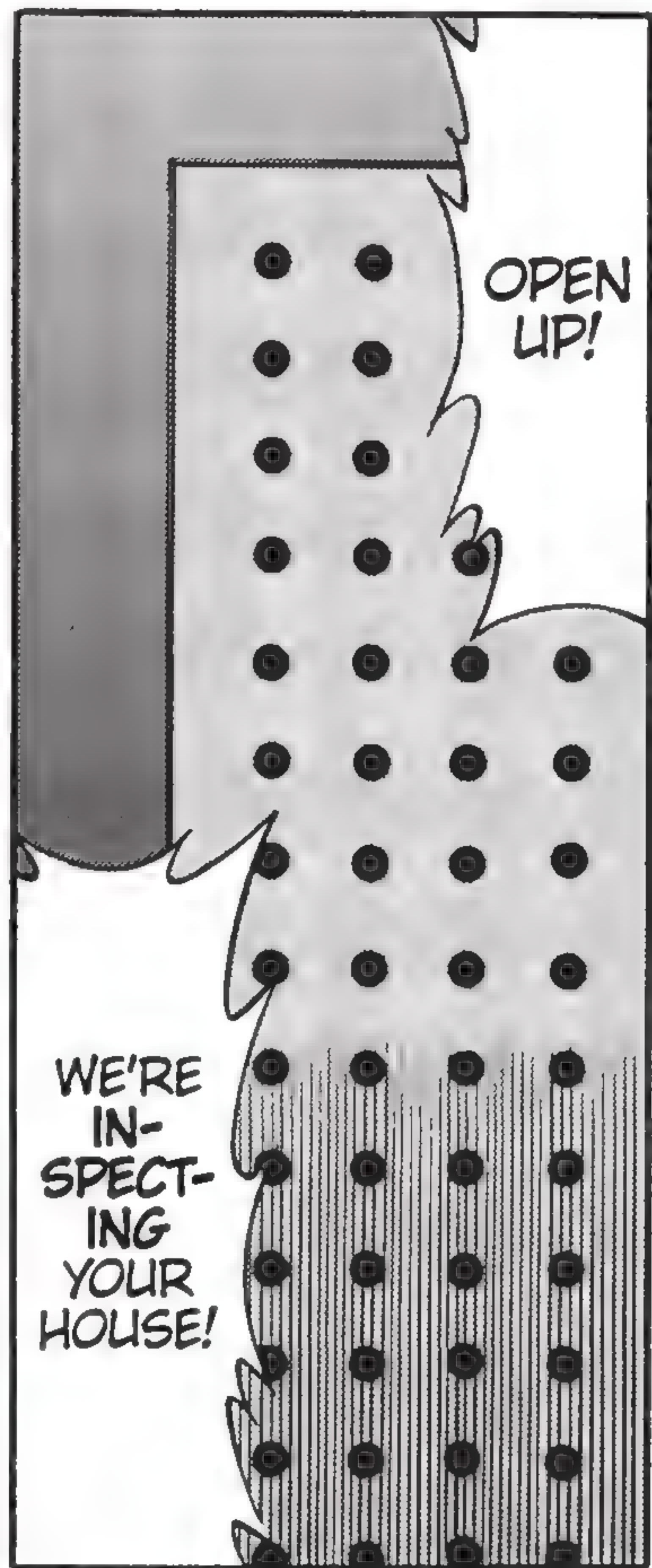
WHEW
...



LIKE
THAT
CRAP
MATTERS
AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS!
OPEN
UP, OR
ELSE!!

HELL
NO!
WHAT
RIGHT
DO YOU
HAVE TO
INSPECT
ANY-
THING?!

WHA
?!



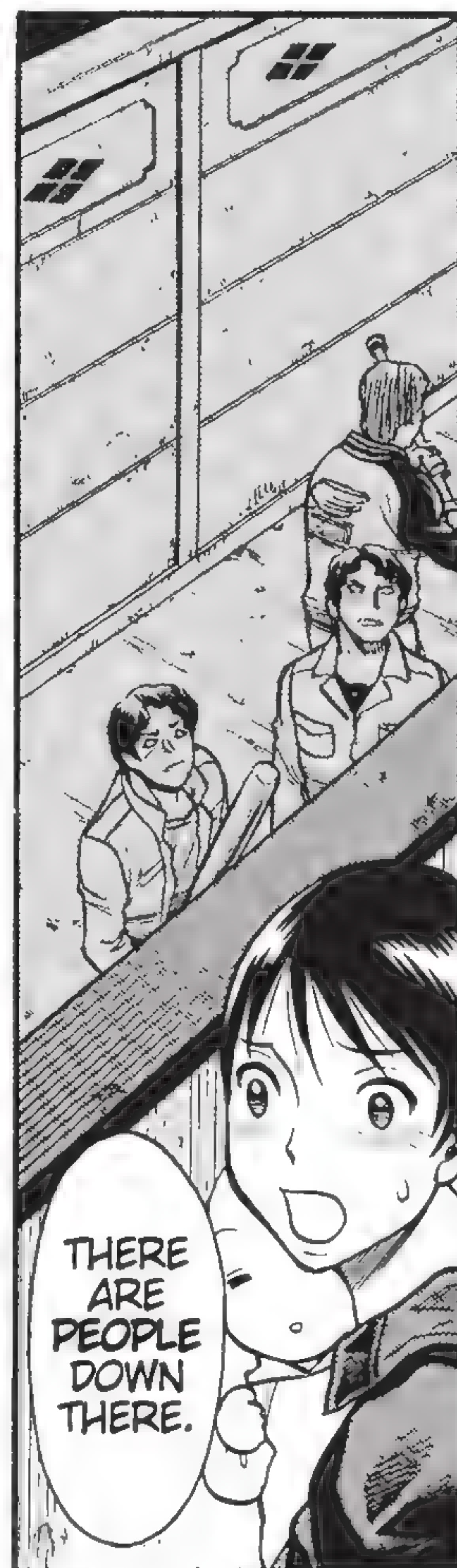
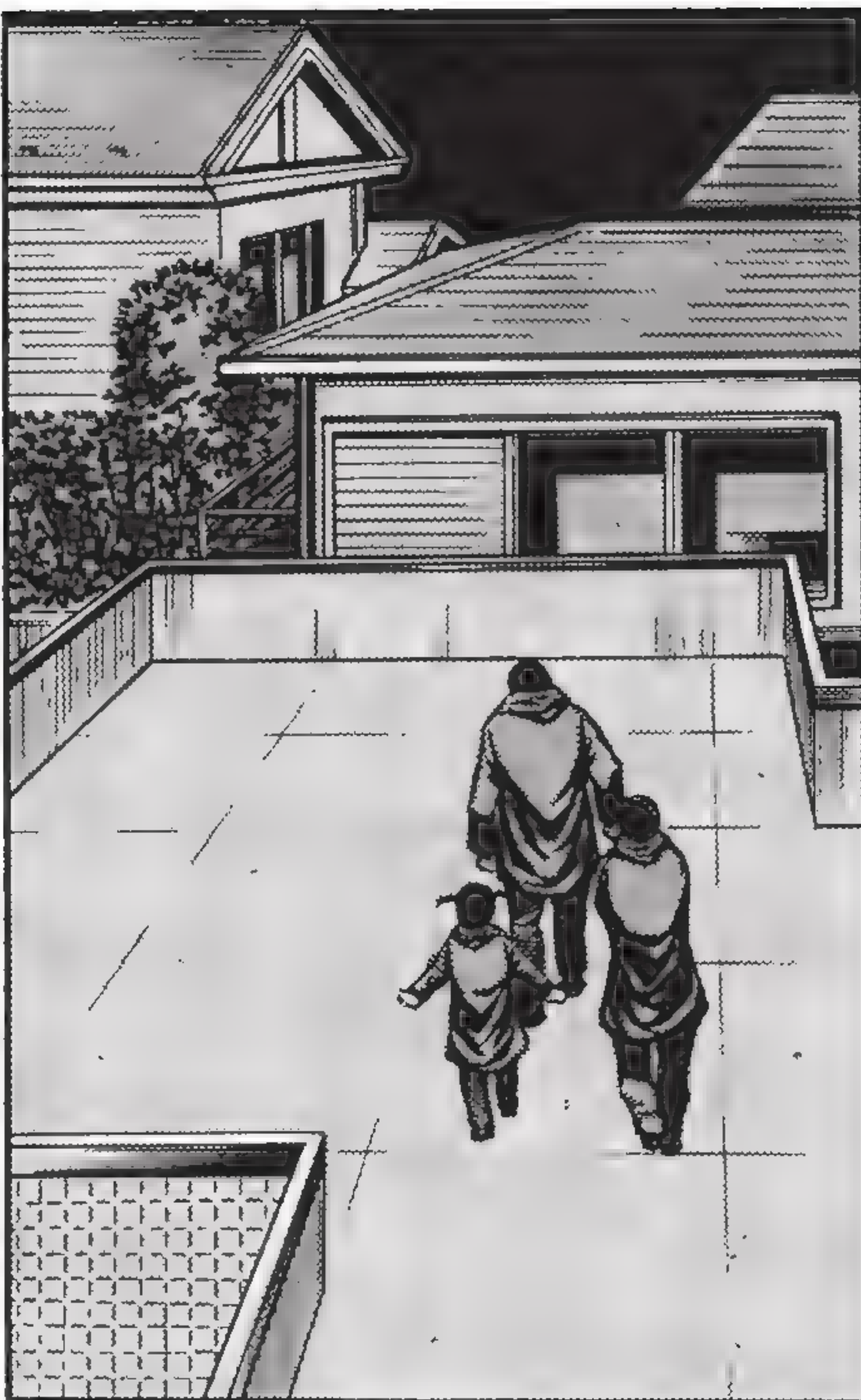
OPEN
UP!

WE'RE
IN-
SPECT-
ING
YOUR
HOUSE!











WHAT?!
PROVE
IT!



YOU'RE A
DAMN
VAMPIRE
SUPPORTER!
A TRAITOR
TO YOUR
OWN
RACE!!

町内パトロール
SECURITY PATROL



WHAT
THE
HELL IS
WITH
THIS
TREAT-
MENT,
EH?!

I'M A
REGULAR,
HUMAN
CITIZEN,
JUST LIKE
YOU!



THAT'S
YOU,
ISN'T
IT?

TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS
PICTURE.

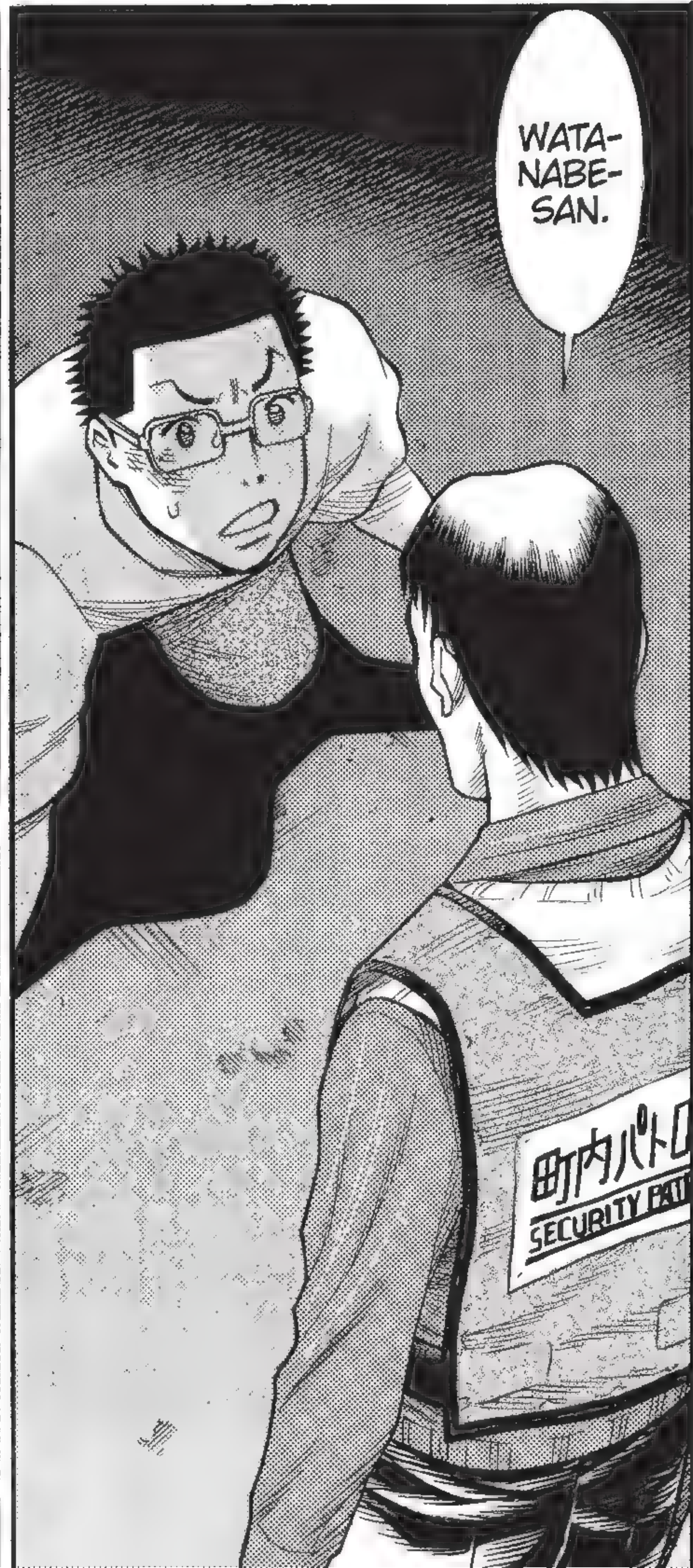


WHA
--?!

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN
SEE THE
GUY'S
FACE!

IT
COULD
BE ANY-
BODY!

NOT
THE
FACE.
THE
ARM.



WATA-
NABE-
SAN.

町内パトロール
SECURITY PATROL

TRUE.

BUT WHO
CARES
ABOUT
PROOF?

W-
WAIT!
WHOA!

HOLD
ON!!

YOU
LOVED
FLAUNT-
ING ALL
YOUR
NEW
WEALTH,
DIDN'T
YOU?

THAT
WATCH
...

IT'S A
FRANCK
MULLER
DOUBLE
FACE,
ISN'T IT?

THAT
ISN'T
ME!

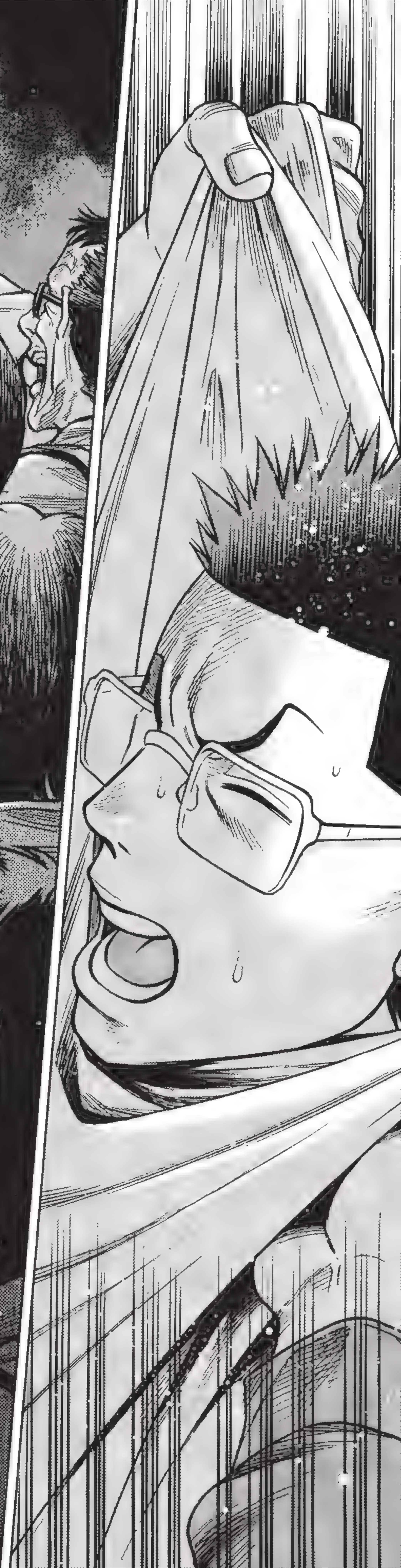
WELL,
NOW IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THAT'S
COME
BACK
TO BITE
YOU.

THAT'S
WHY I
WARNED
YOU TO BE
A LITTLE
MORE...
GENEROUS
WITH IT.

WE
DON'T.

THIS
PHOTO
PROVES
NOTHING
!!

JUST
LIKE
THE ONE
YOU
HAVE.





OPEN
UP, YOU
VAMPIRE
SLUT!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN?!

OPEN
UP, OR
WE'LL
BREAK
IT
DOWN!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN!!

Gy
AAA
AA
AA
AA





Chapter 79: At Tel Meggido

DO YOU
THINK
WE CAN
GET IN
THROUGH
THE
WINDOW?

YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG!

STAKE
THE
VAMPIRE
BASTARD
!!

STAKE
'IM!!

KILL
HIM
!!

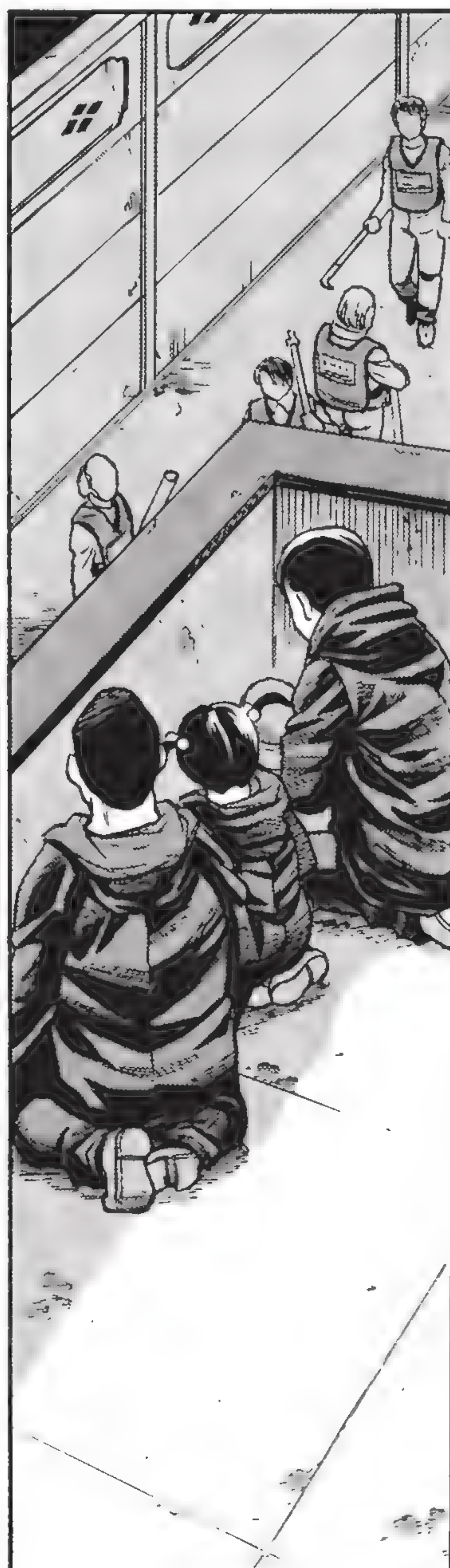
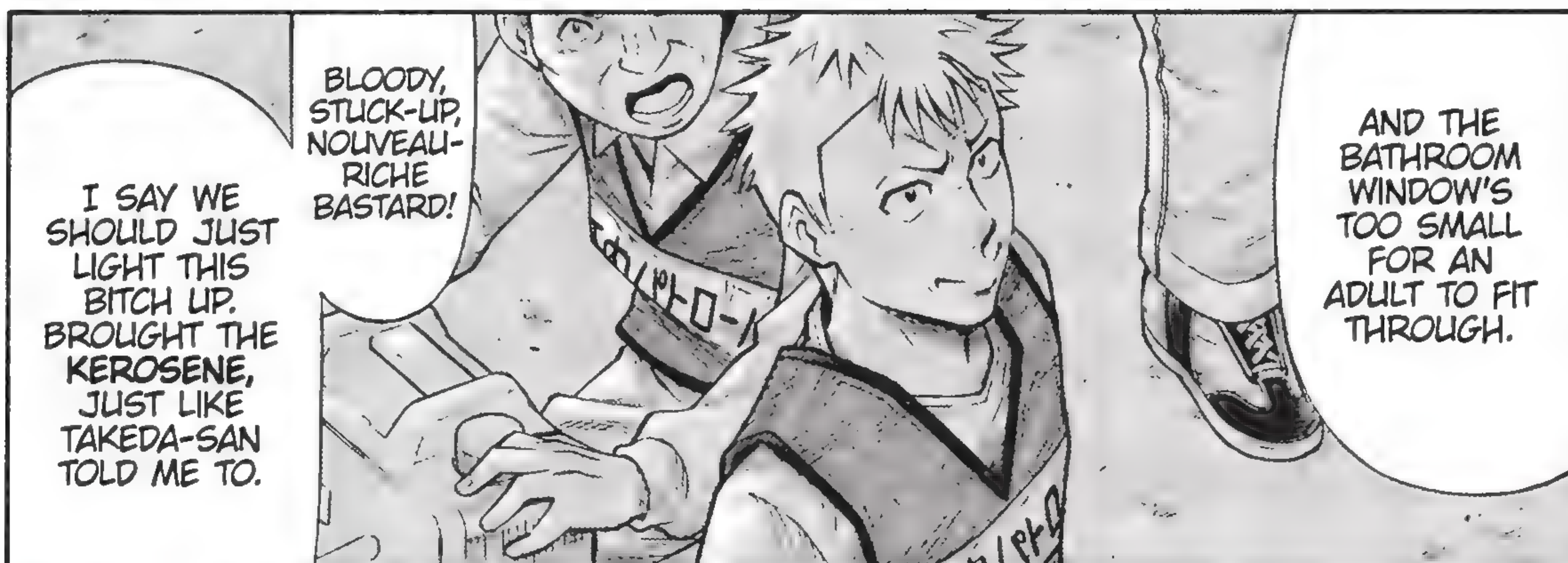
NO,
DAM-
MIT!

THE
STORM
DOORS
ARE
FREAKING
METAL
SHUTTERS!
WE'D NEED
A DAMN
BLOW
TORCH!!

I'M
NOT A
VAMPIRE!!
I'M
NOT!!

W
A
I
T
!

ROT IN
HELL,
YOU
FILTHY
BLOOD-
SLICKER
!!



HURRY
UP AND
LEAVE!!

HURRY
UP!

DAMN
IT...

I'LL
TELL THE
TRUTH...

I
CON-
FESS.

I'LL
ADMIT
IT...

OKAY,
OKAY...

BUT THEY'RE
GONE NOW.
THEY LEFT
AGES AGO.

THEY DID
NOT BITE US.
NONE OF MY
FAMILY WAS
TURNED INTO
VAMPIRES.

町内
SECURITY

町内パトロール
SECURITY PATROL

YES,
WE DID
SHELTER
VAMPIRES.

THEY
HAD BEEN
OUR
NEXT
DOOR
NEIGH-
BORS.



WAIT A
MINUTE!
I TOLD
YOU
THAT WE
WEREN'T
BITTEN!!



THIS
TRAITOR
JUST
ADMITTED
THAT
THEY'RE
ALL
VAMPIRES!



HURRY
UP AND
DRAG
THAT
WOMAN
OUT
HERE!



THERE'S
SOME
NEW
CREAM
STUFF
THAT
MAKES IT
SO YOU
DON'T
DIE FROM
THE SUN,
EVER!

OH,
BUT
WE'VE
FOUND
OUT
YOUR
SECRET!

THAT'S
JUST AN
INTERNET
RUMOR!
DON'T TELL
ME YOU
BELIEVE
THAT
CRAP!!



DO YOU
SEE ANY
BITE
MARKS
HERE?!

LOOK!

I WENT ON
PATROL IN
BROAD
DAYLIGHT
WITH YOU,
HOW MANY
TIMES?!
NO VAMPIRE
COULD DO
THAT!!



YOU
WERE IN
THE SAME
ROOM AS
A VAMPIRE!
THERE IS
NO WAY
YOU
WEREN'T
BITTEN!!



YOU
BAS-
TARD
!!

YOU
LAY
ONE
HAND
ON
RYO-
TARO,
AND
I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

KRACK



YOU AND
YOUR
WHORE,
AND
YOUR
BRAT!!

WE'LL FIND
OUT ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER,
WHEN WE
STAKE YOU
THROUGH
THE
HEART!



WE'LL
LINE UP
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
ON THE
STREET,
NICE AND
PRETTY!







BECAUSE
YOU LAZY,
GOOD-
FOR-
NOTHING
LEECHES
CAN'T BE
BOTHERED
TO DO IT!

WHAT
WE'RE
DOING?
WE ARE
KEEPING
THE
PEACE
IN OUR
TOWN,
THAT'S
WHAT!



YOU
PEOPLE
...

DO YOU
HAVE
ANY IDEA
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING?!

GOOD
GOD!



THIS
IS A
LYNCH
MOB!

THIS ISN'T
PROTECT-
ING ANY
PEACE...



WE'RE
IN AN
EMER-
GENCY
SITUATION
HERE.

YOU STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND,
DO YOU?



ALL OF
YOU,
DISPERSE
AT
ONCE!

BUT, YOU,
YOU STAY
RIGHT HERE.
YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
THE ONE IN
CHARGE OF
THIS MESS,
SO I'D LIKE
TO HAVE
A WORD
WITH YOU!





DADDY, LOOK! THEY'RE LEAVING!

GOOD! I'LL HOLD RYO-CHAN.



IT'S THE POLICE. THEY'RE STARTING SOMETHING OUT FRONT!

HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT?!

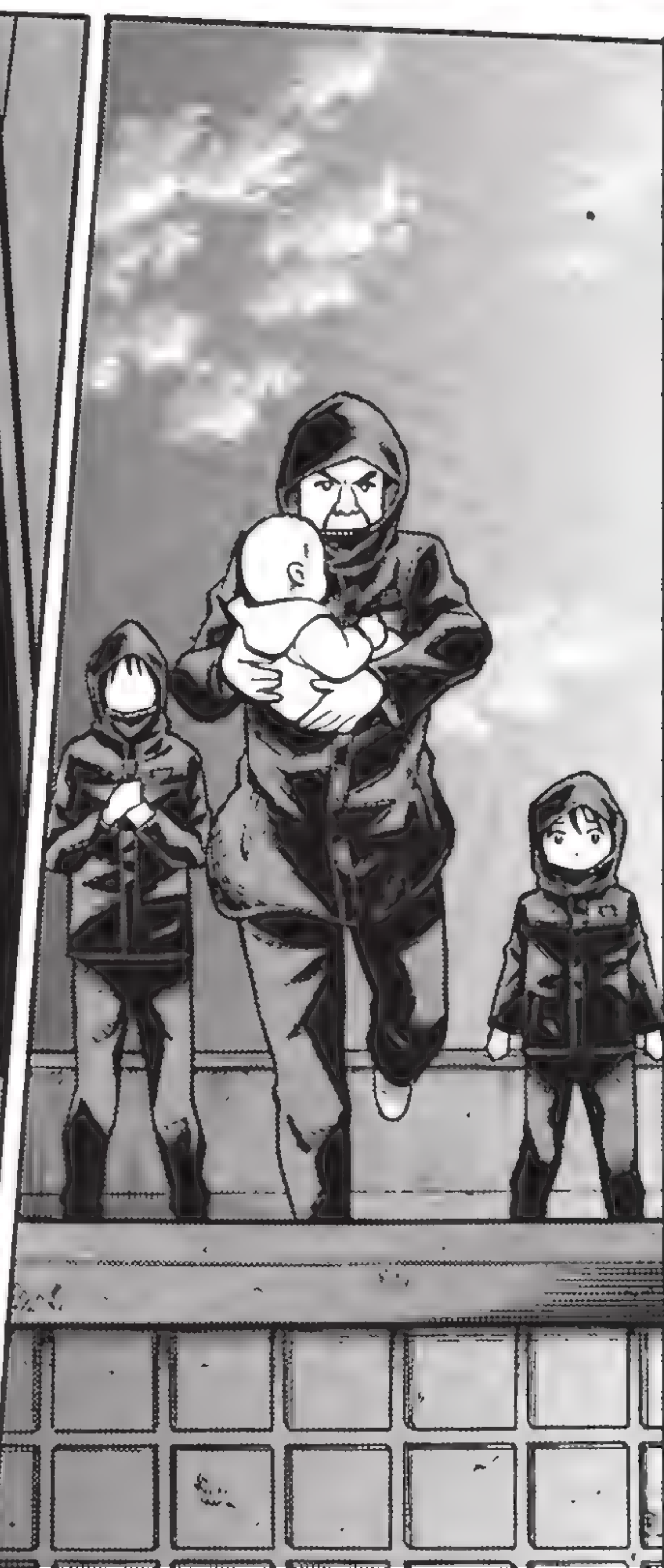
DAMN IT! THEY'RE TRYING TO SHUT US DOWN, AREN'T THEY?!

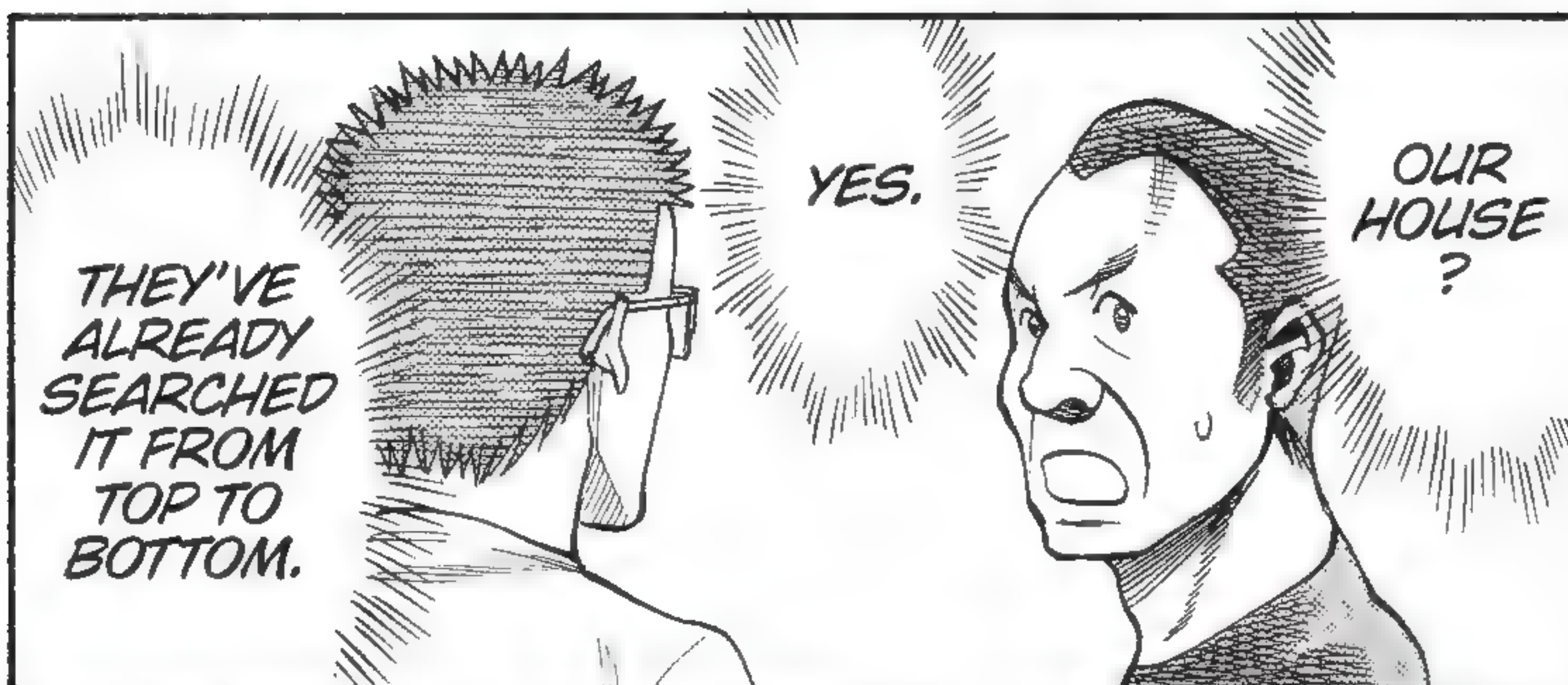
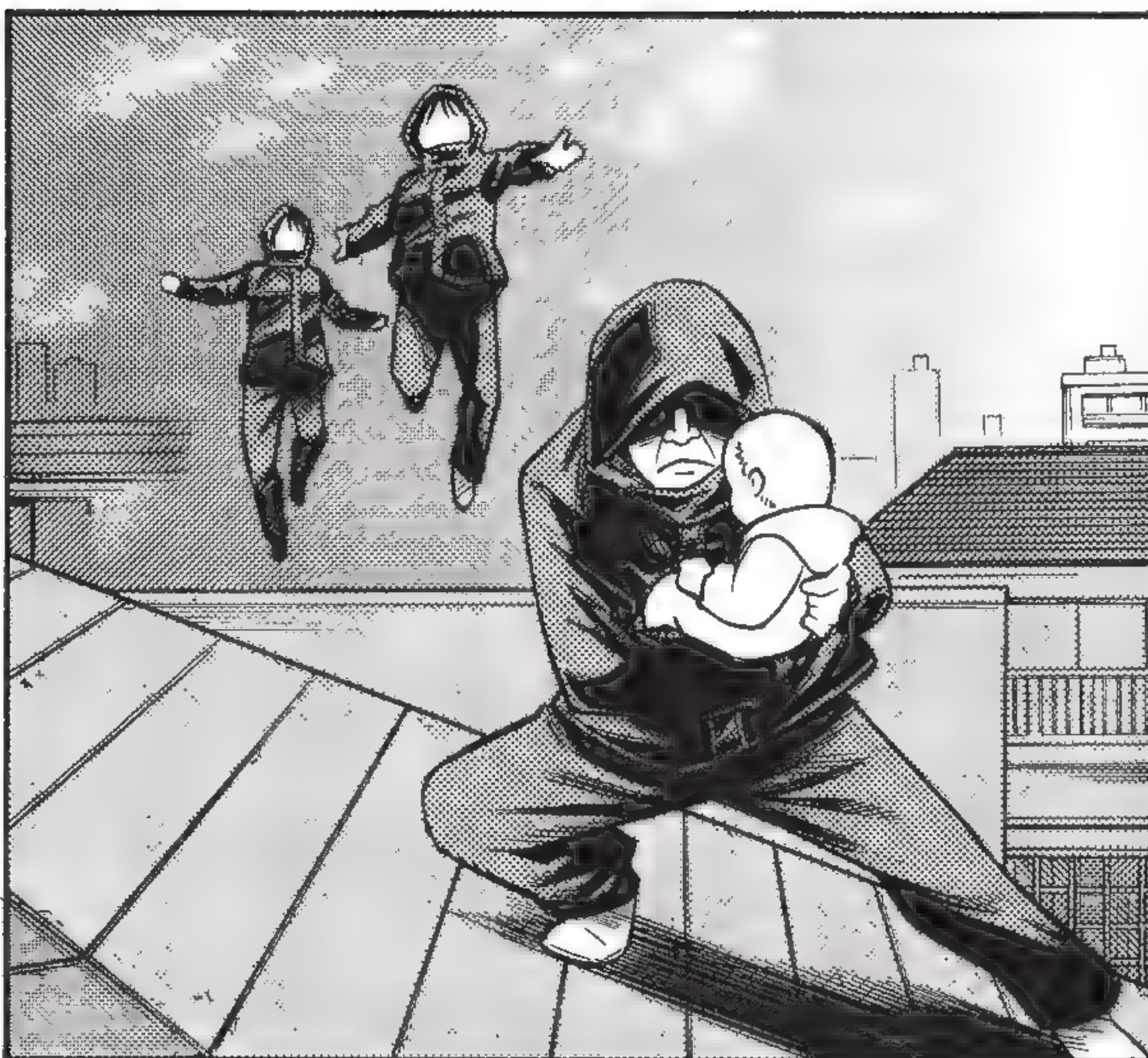


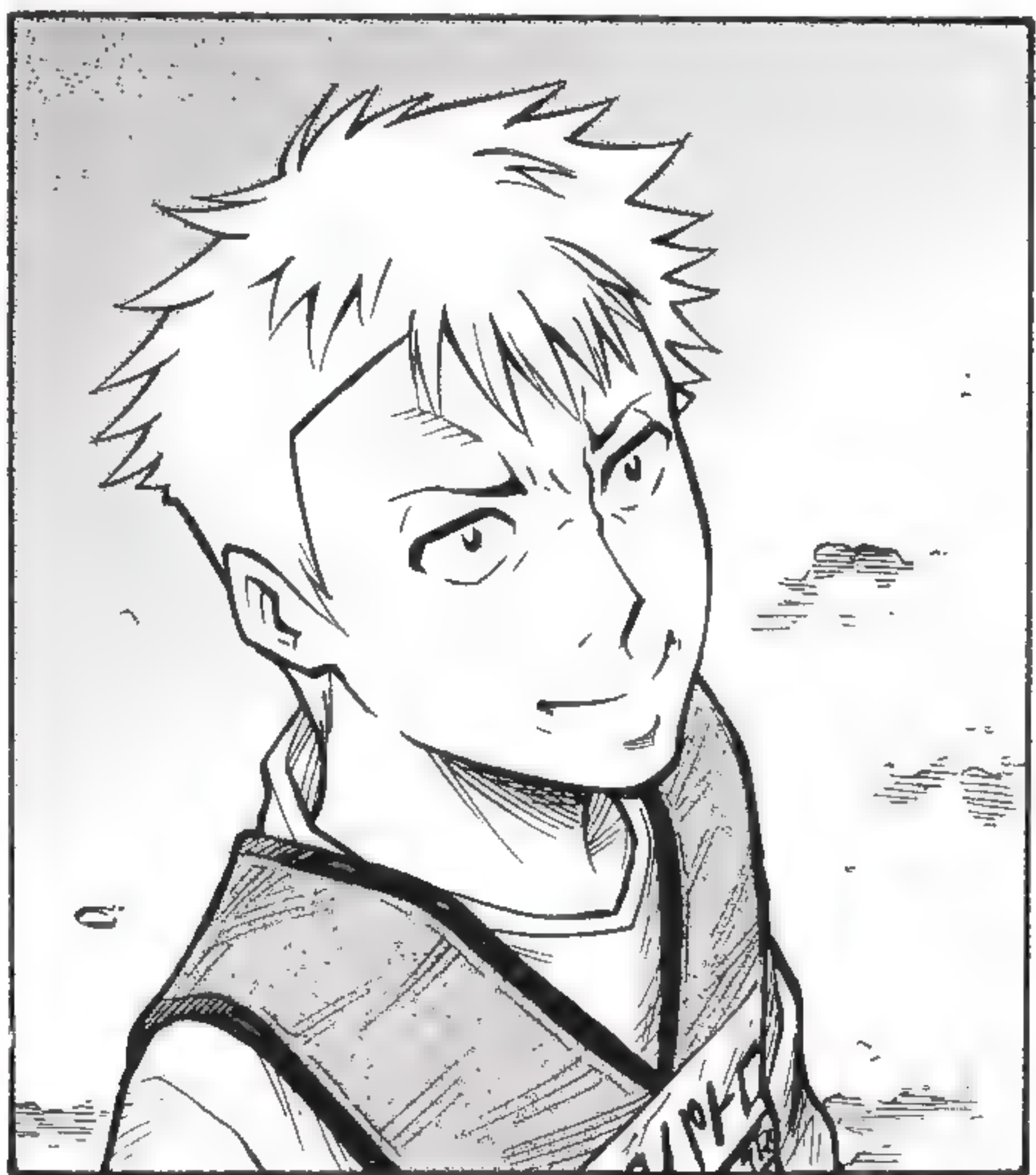
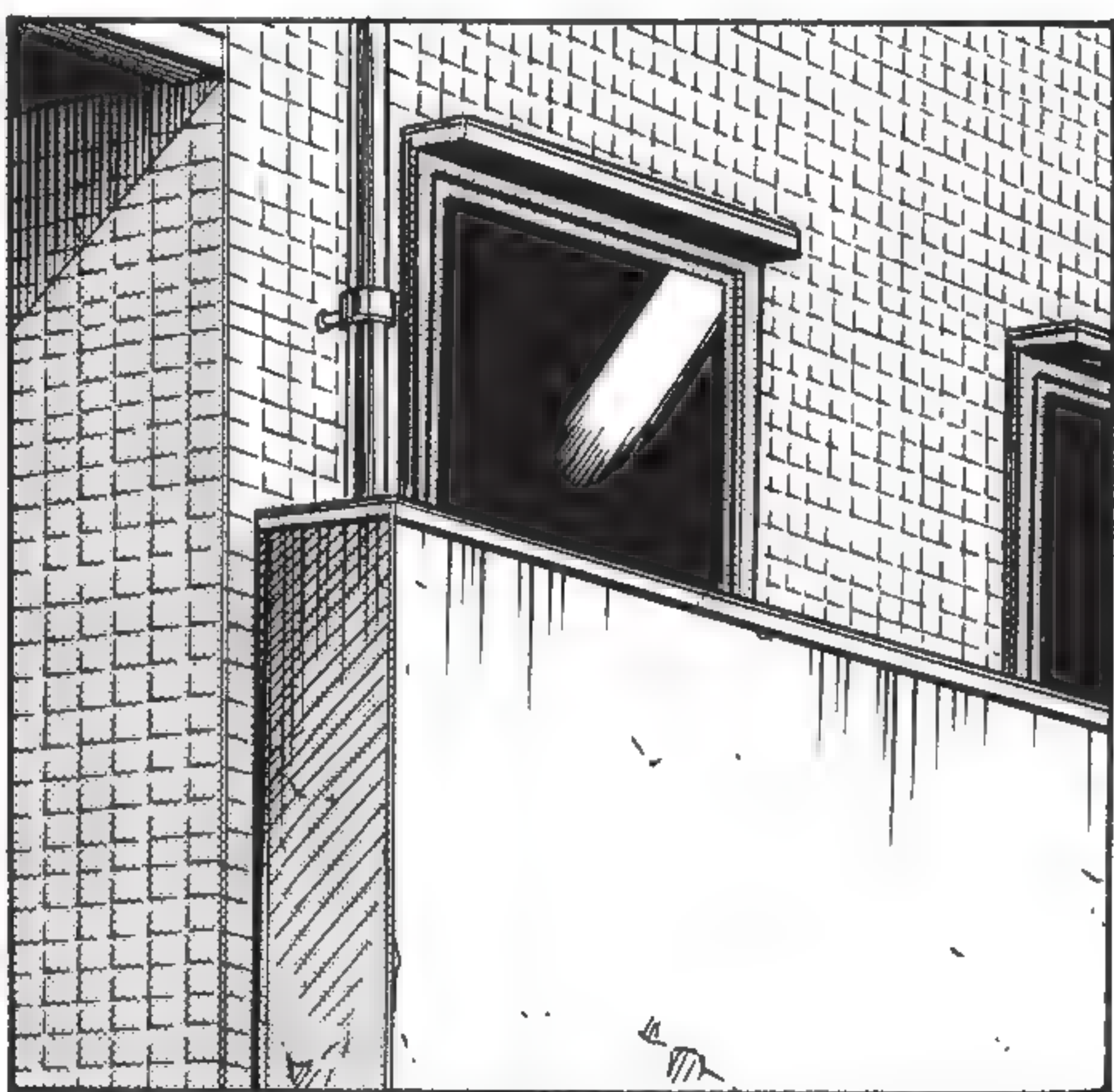
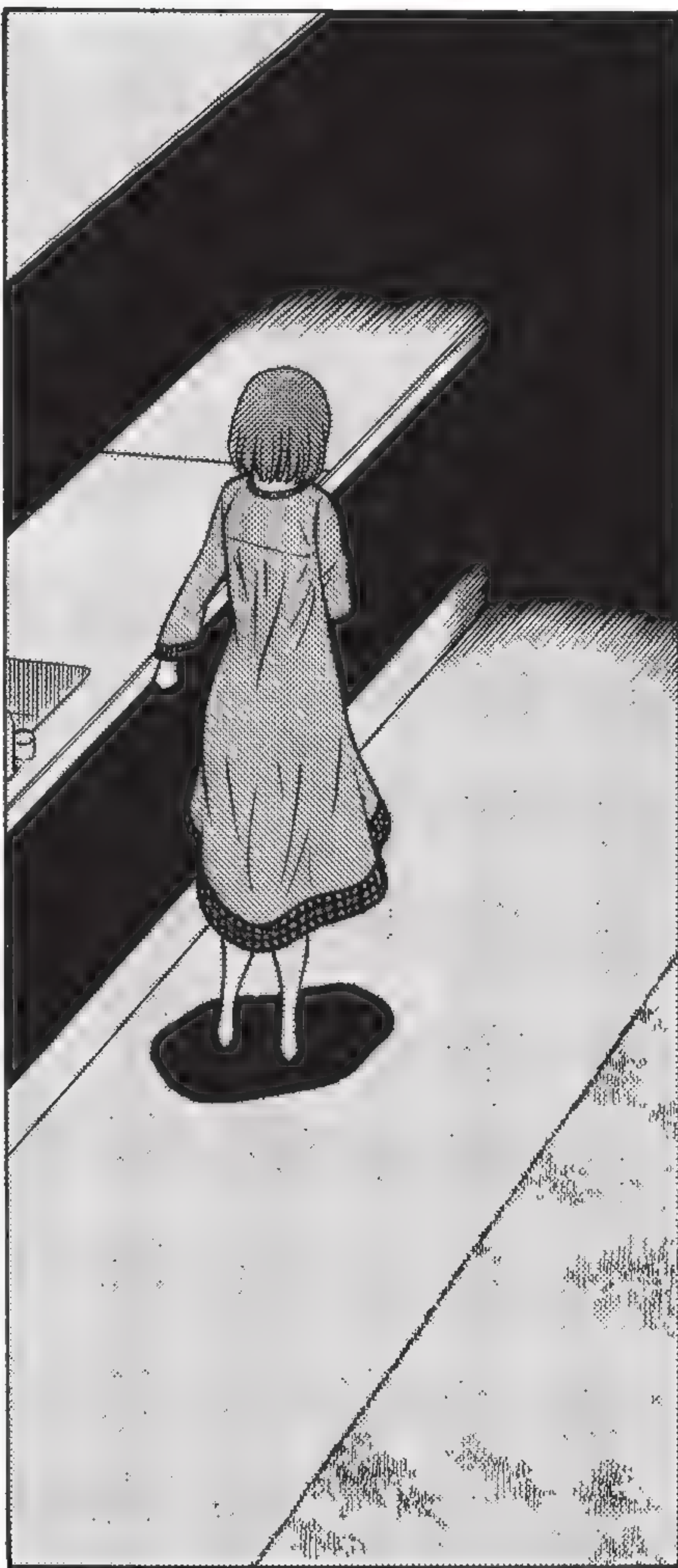
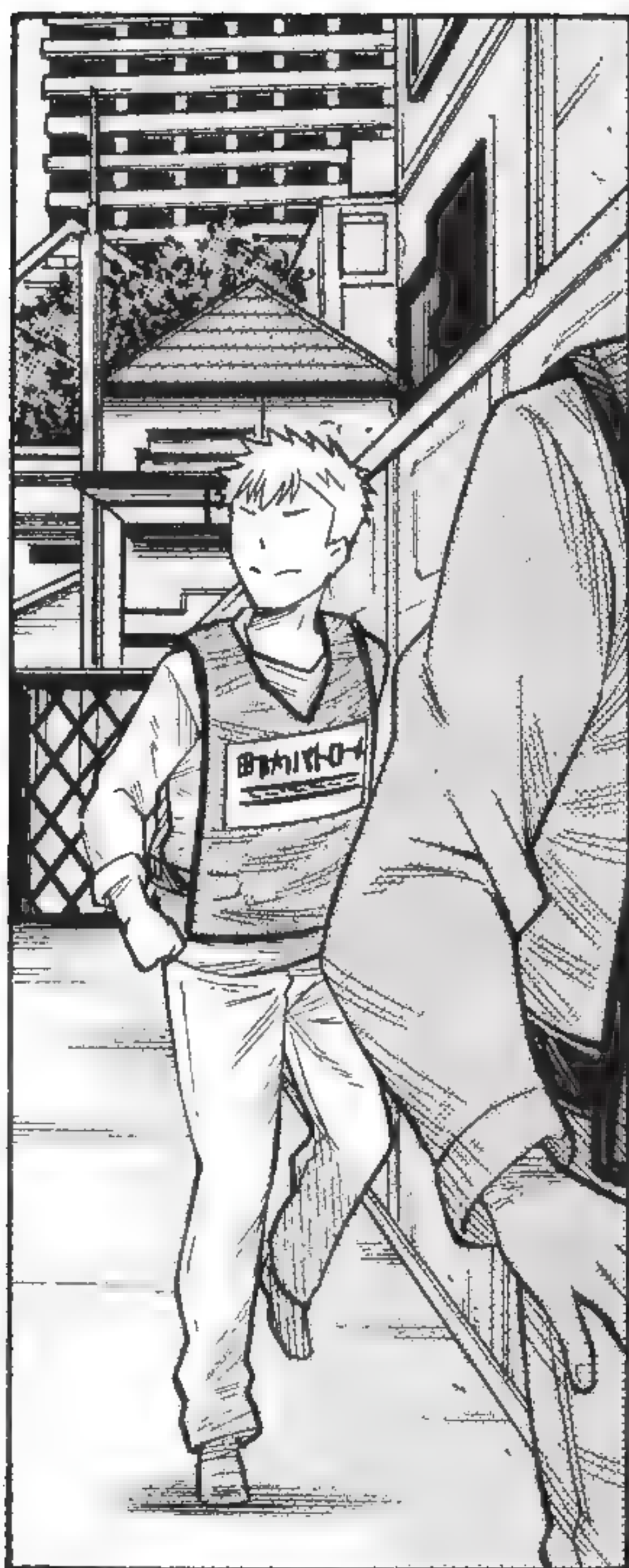
BANG

BANG

!











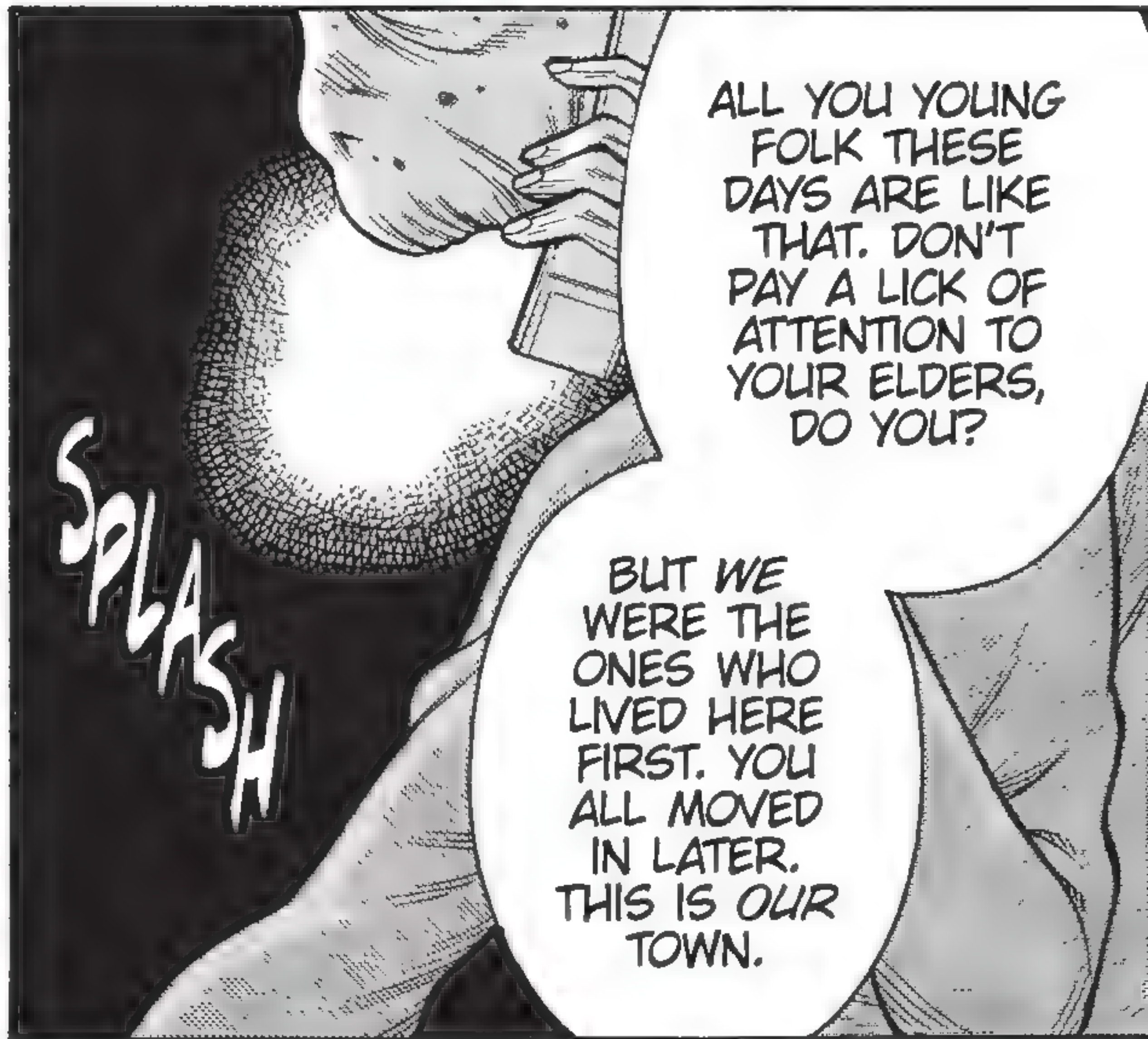
I
WARNED
YOU.
BUT DID
YOU
LISTEN?
NO.

YOU DIDN'T
PUT IT UP,
SO
VAMPIRES
GOT INTO
YOUR
HOME.



WELL,
HE WAS
RIGHT.
LOOK AT
WHAT
YOU'VE
BROUGHT
ON US.

MY FATHER
TOLD ME
WHEN I
WAS LITTLE
THAT A
SOCIETY THAT
DOESN'T
RESPECT ITS
BETTERS
WILL DIE.



SPLASH

ALL YOU YOUNG
FOLK THESE
DAYS ARE LIKE
THAT. DON'T
PAY A LICK OF
ATTENTION TO
YOUR ELDERS,
DO YOU?

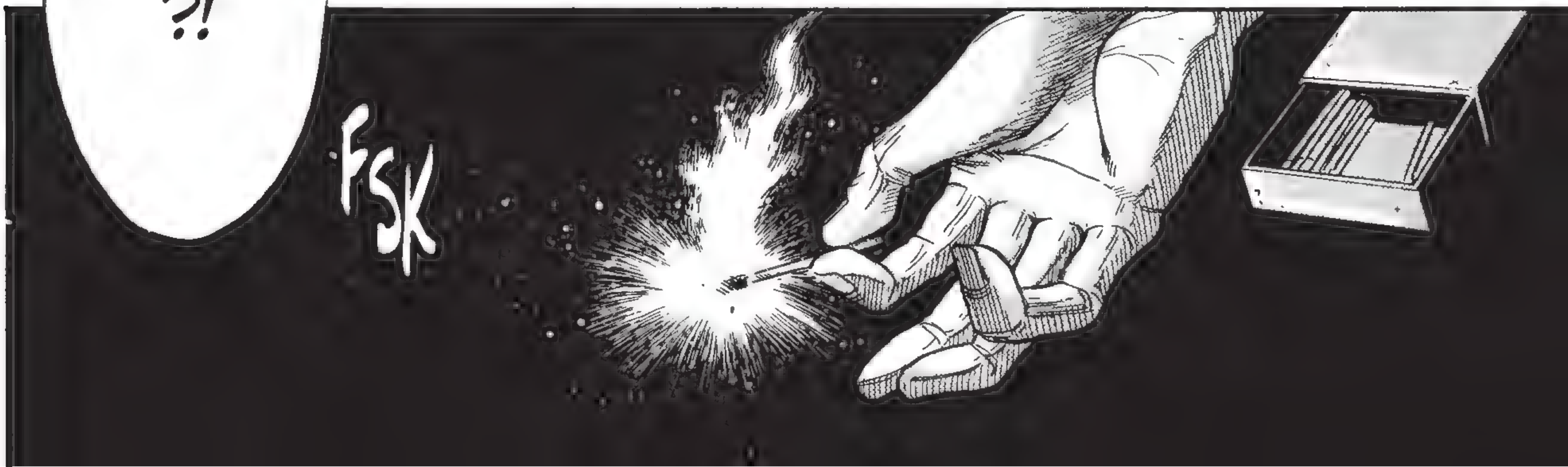
BUT WE
WERE THE
ONES WHO
LIVED HERE
FIRST. YOU
ALL MOVED
IN LATER.
THIS IS OUR
TOWN.



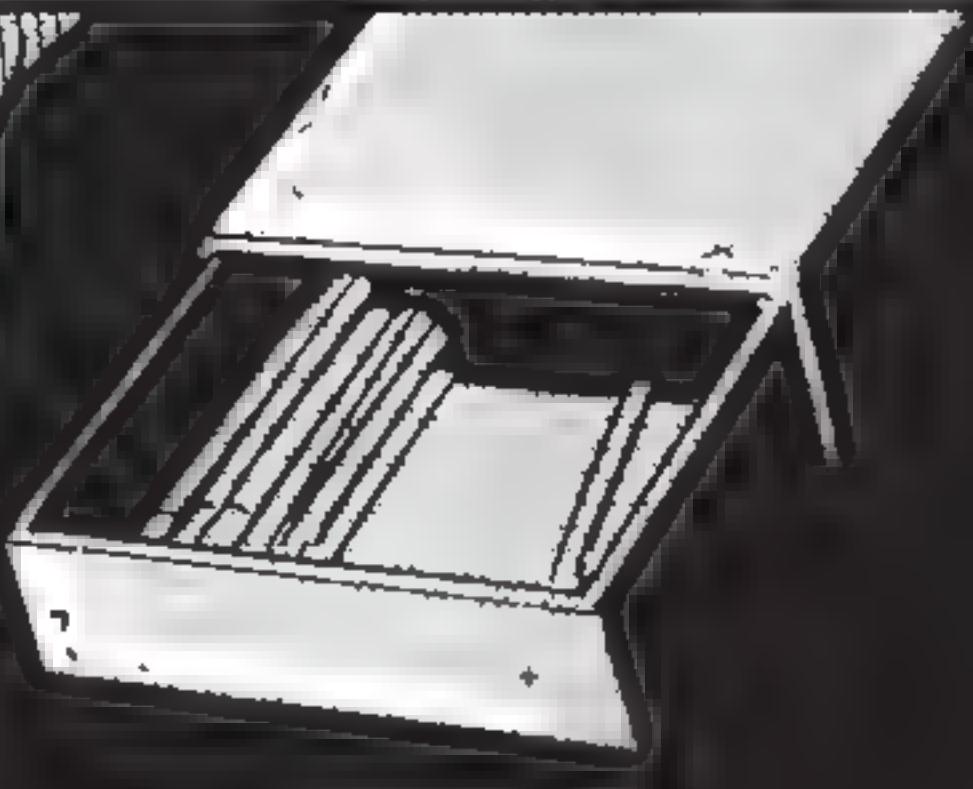
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!

WHERE
ARE
YOU?

NUMAI-SAN?
NUMAI-SAN,
IS THAT
YOU?



FSK



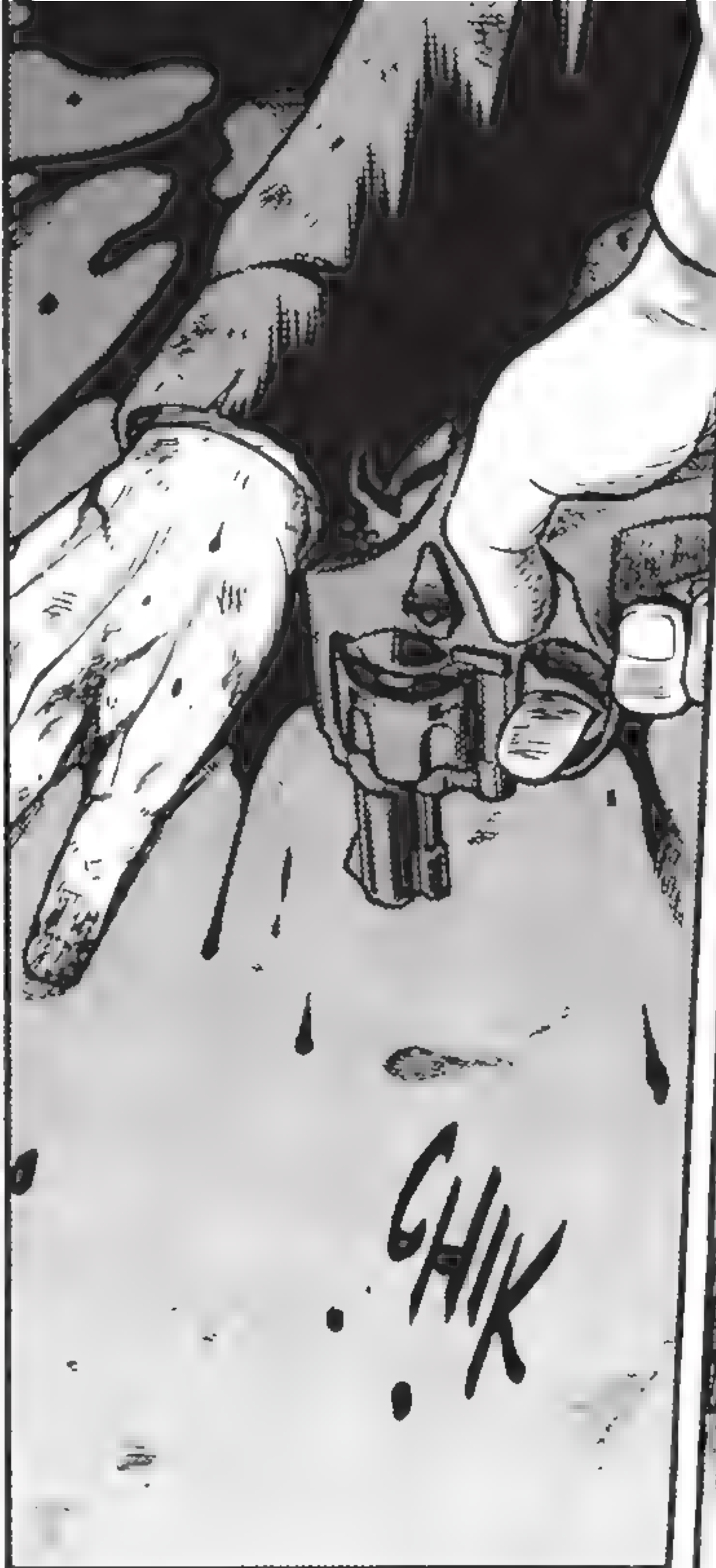




BEAUTI-
FUL.



THIS IS
ALL GOING
PERFECTLY!



NO SELF-
RESPECTING
HUMAN
SHOULD
LIVE IN
THAT KIND
OF HOME.

YOU DIDN'T
EARN THIS
HOUSE...
MONEY FROM
THOSE FILTHY
VAMPIRES
BOUGHT IT.



THEY...
THEY
SET IT
ON
FIRE!



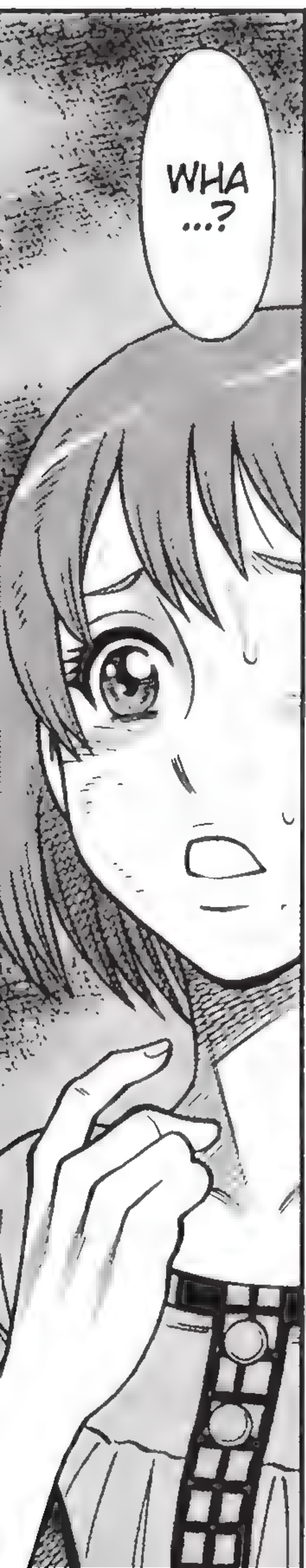
MY
HOUSE
...



CHIEMI
...



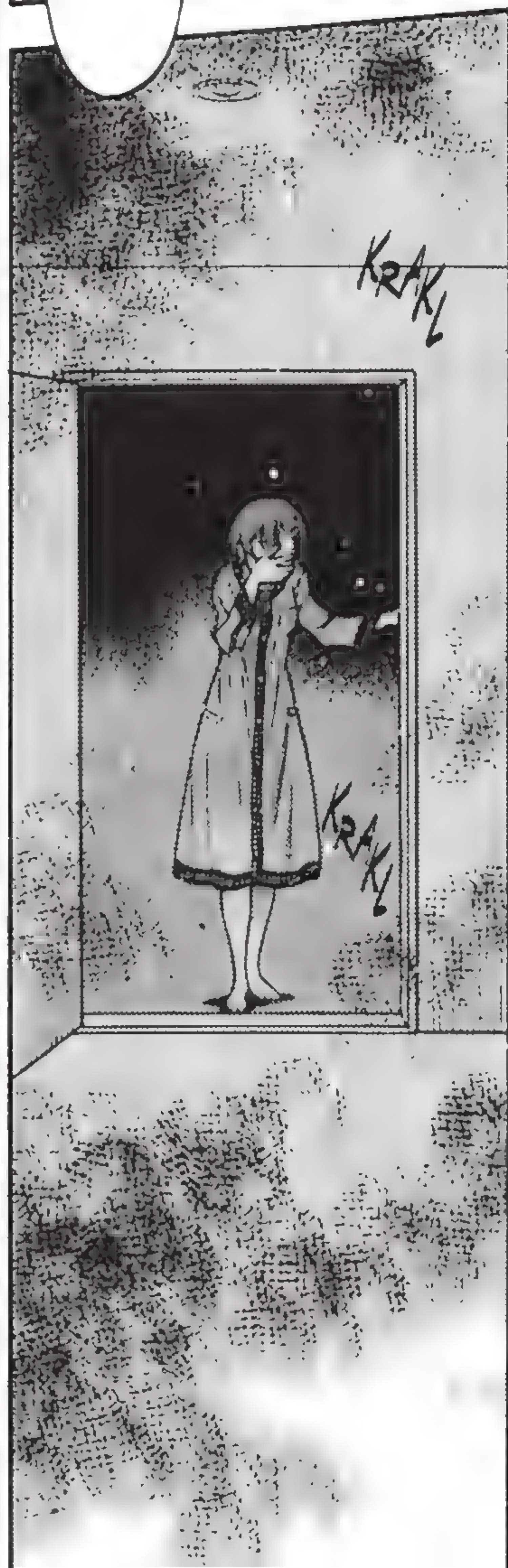
CHIEMI
...



WHA
...?

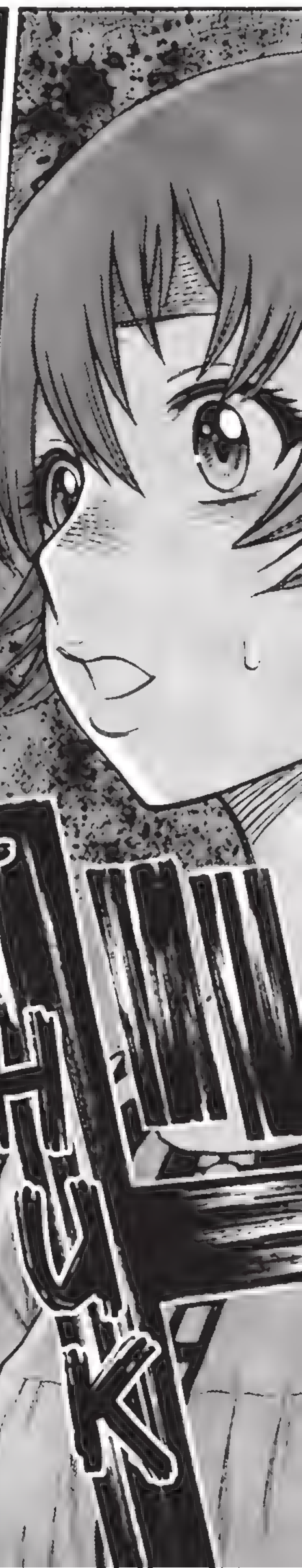


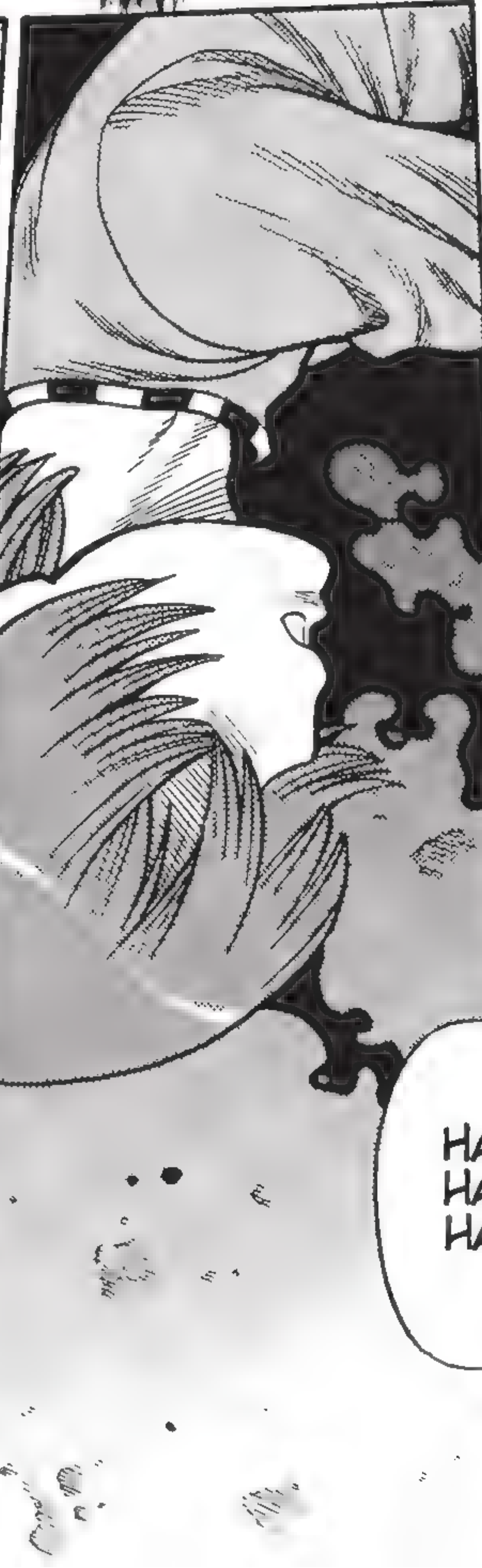
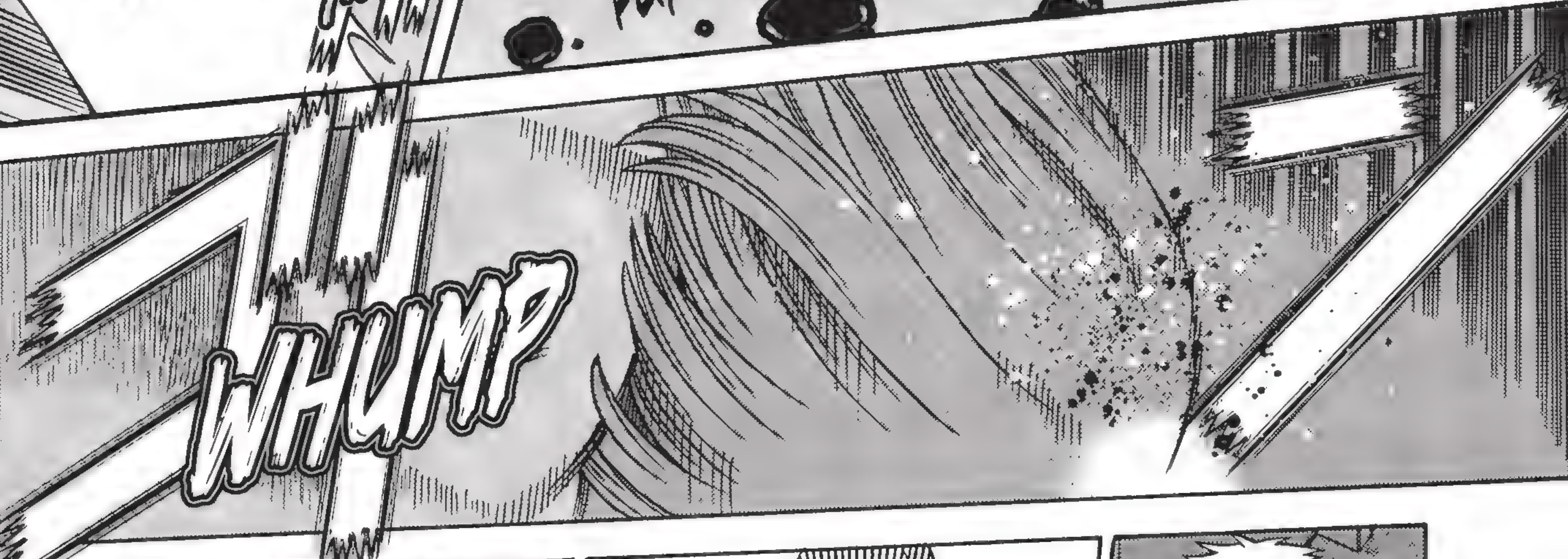
STAY/STAY-IL
HUMAN PATROL



KRAK!

KRAK!







IT...

OH MY GOD ...

WHY AREN'T YOU TURNING INTO ASH?

WAIT ...

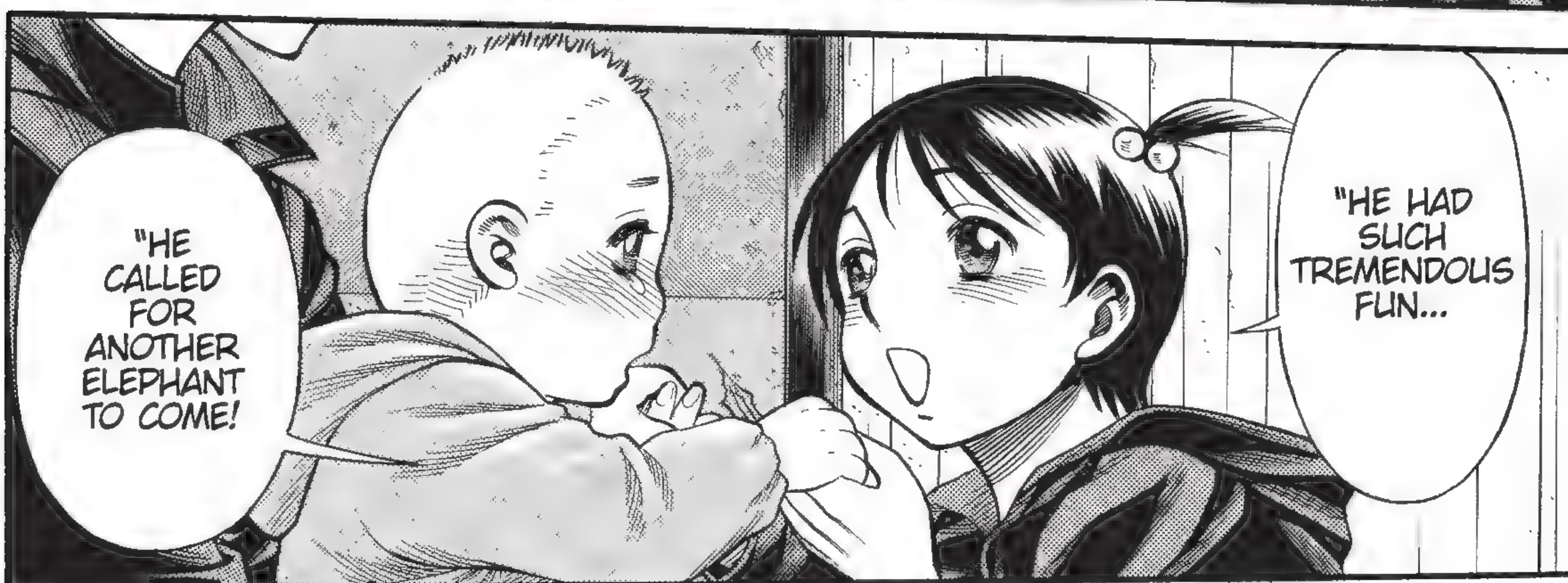
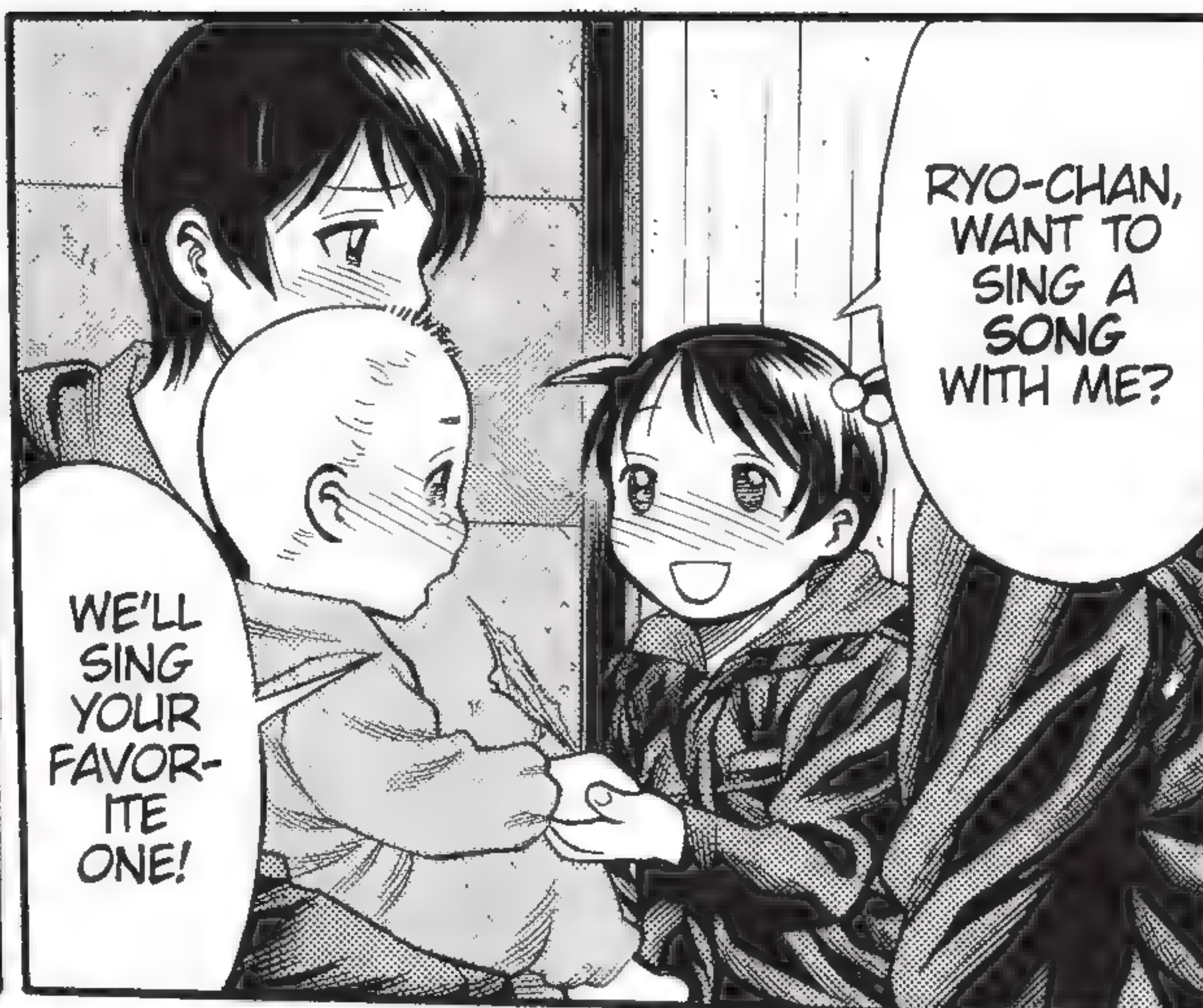
IT'S... OKAY...

OH MY GOD !!

NNH ...


GRAAA







"THEY
HAD SUCH
TREMEN-
DOLUS
FUN..."




"FOUR
ELEPHANTS
WENT OUT
TO PLAY..."



"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY.

"THREE
ELE-
PHANTS
WENT
OUT TO
PLAY..."

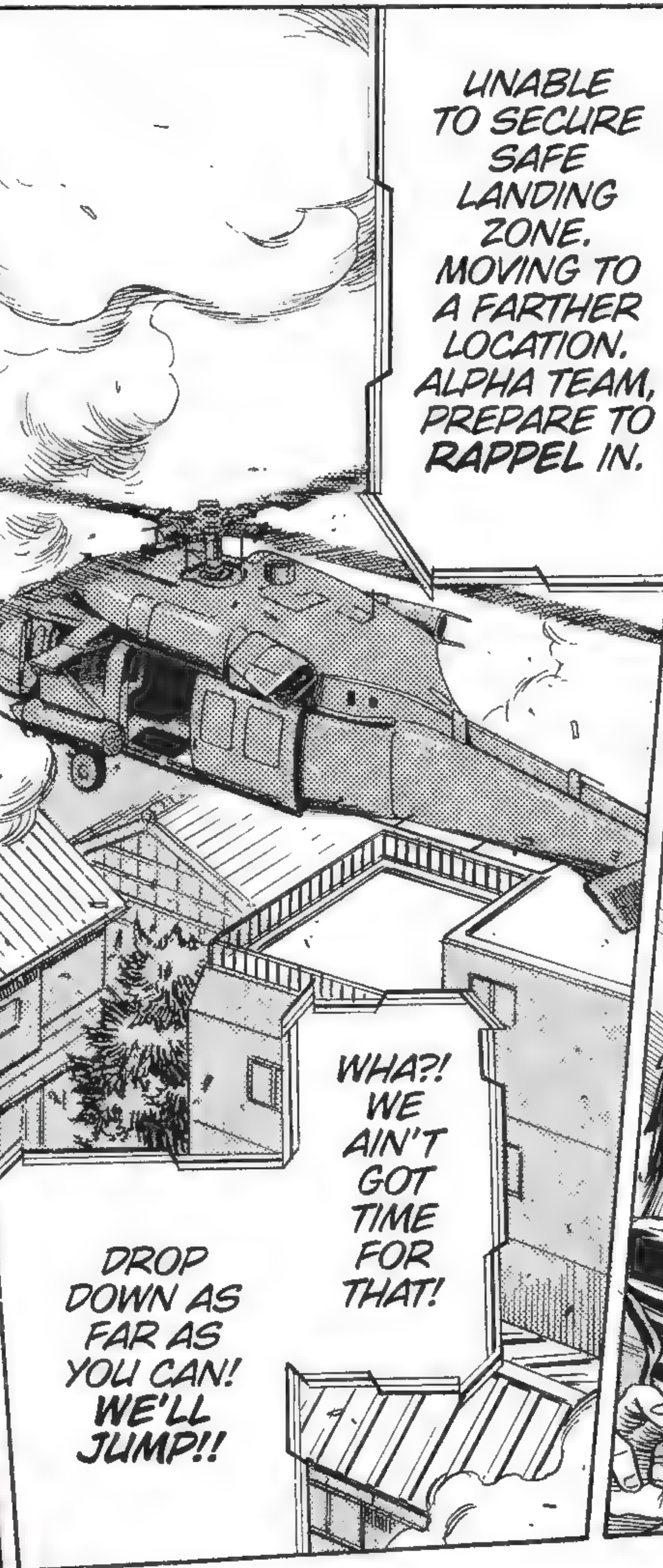
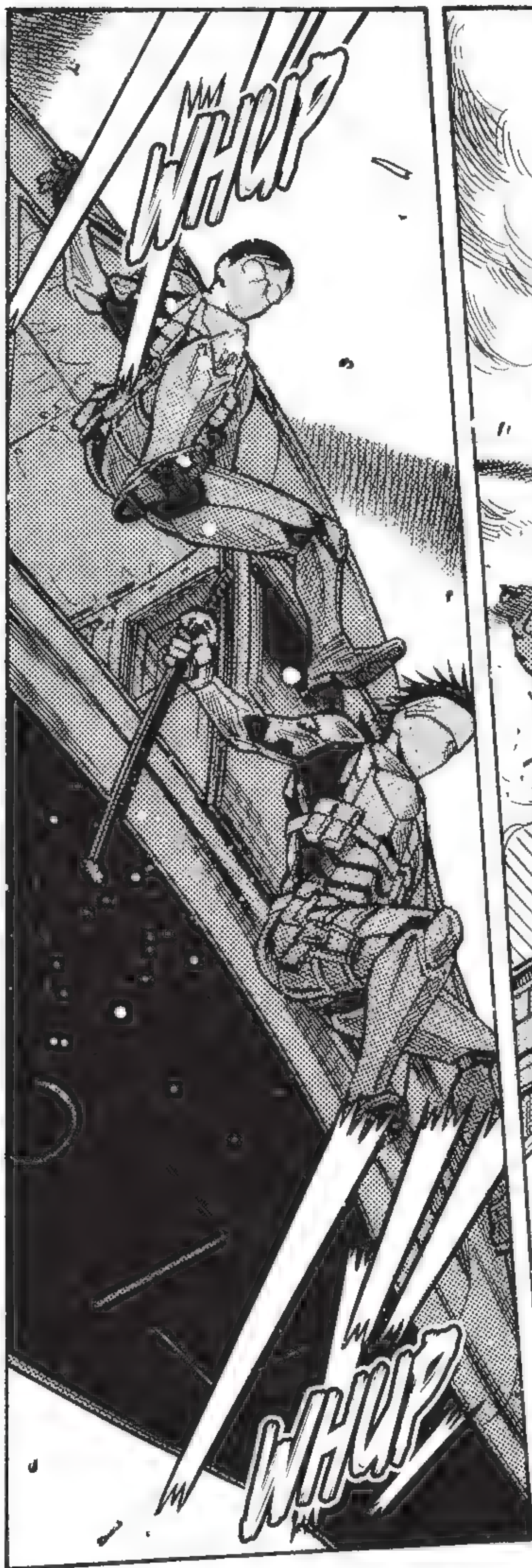
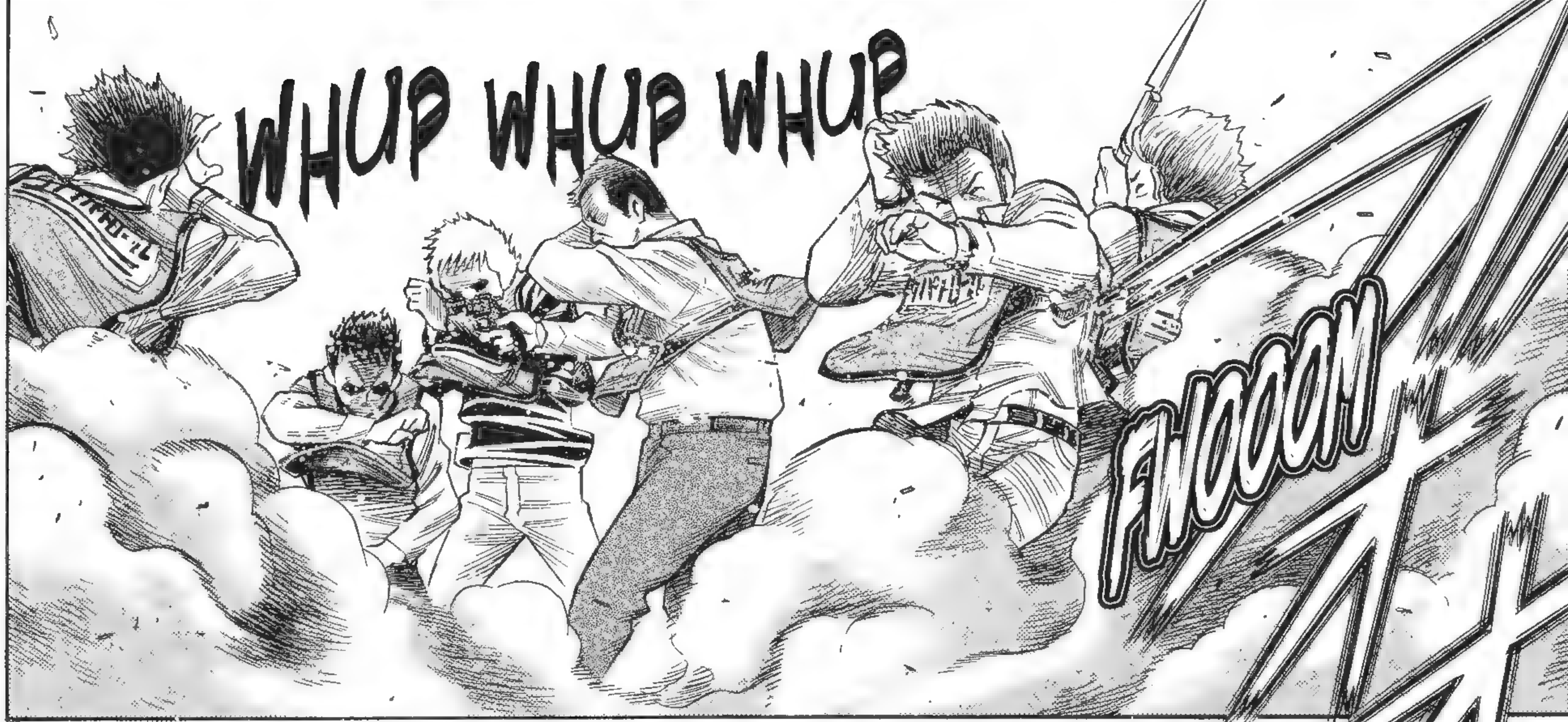


"THEY HAD
SUCH TRE-
MENDOUS
FUN..."

"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO
COME!"

"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY.

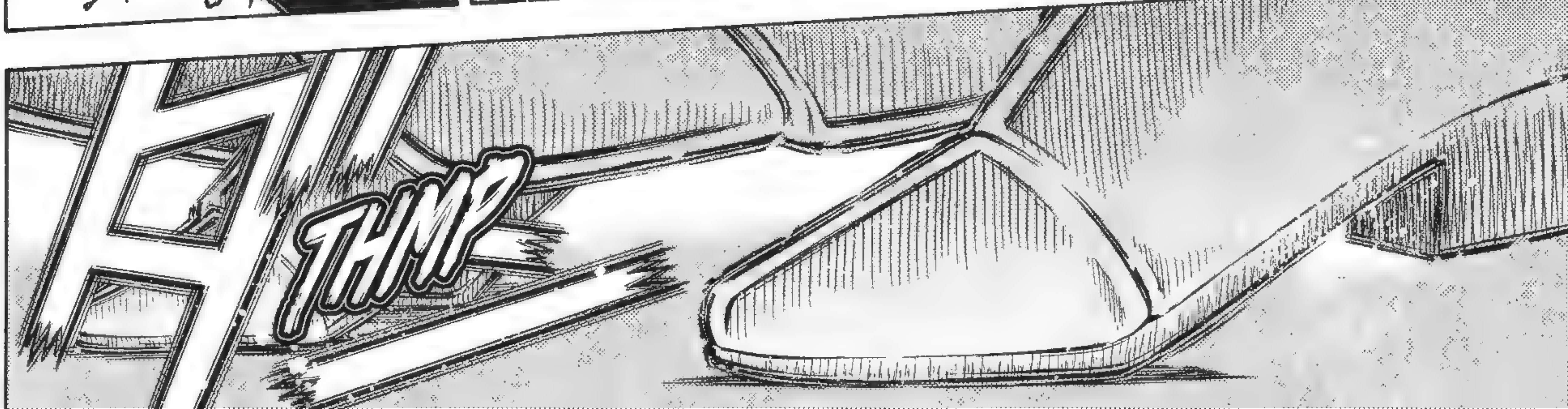
"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO COME!"



UNABLE
TO SECURE
SAFE
LANDING
ZONE.
MOVING TO
A FARTHER
LOCATION.
ALPHA TEAM,
PREPARE TO
RAPPEL IN.

DROP
DOWN AS
FAR AS
YOU CAN!
WE'LL
JUMP!!

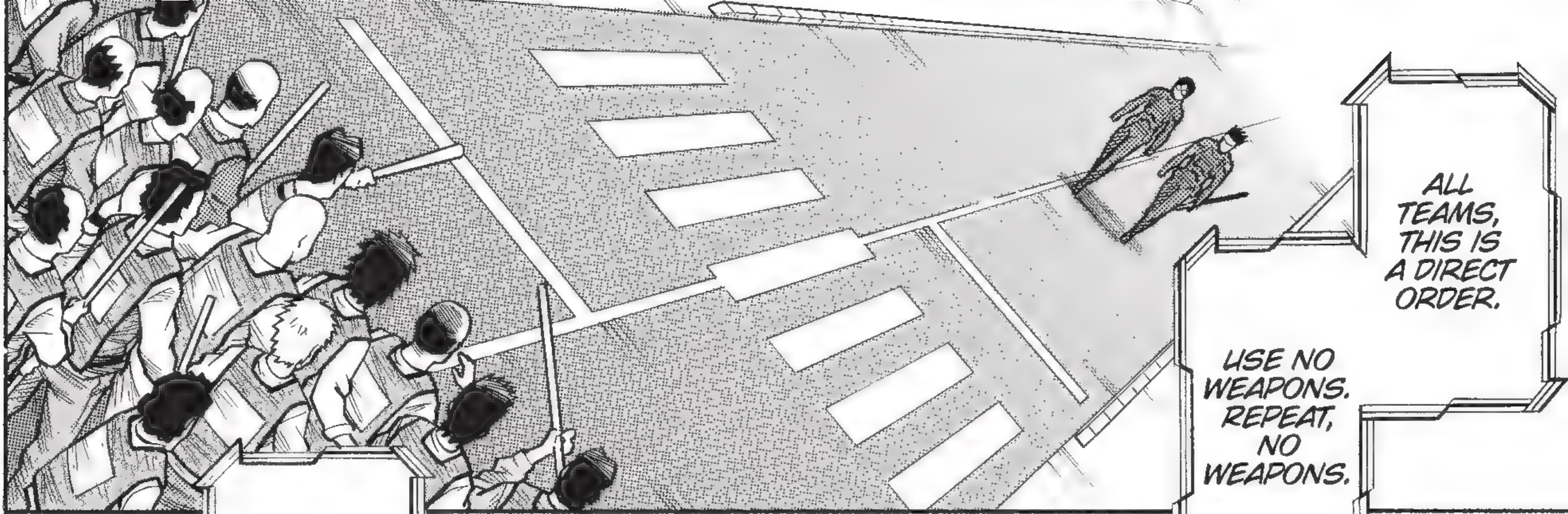
WHA?!
WE
AIN'T
GOT
TIME
FOR
THAT!





ROGER,
ALPHA
TEAM.
SECURE
LOCATION.

THIS IS
ALPHA
TEAM.
INSERTION
COMPLETE.



ALL
TEAMS,
THIS IS
A DIRECT
ORDER.

USE NO
WEAPONS.
REPEAT,
NO
WEAPONS.

THE
RIOTERS
ARE
NORMAL
HUMAN
CITIZENS.



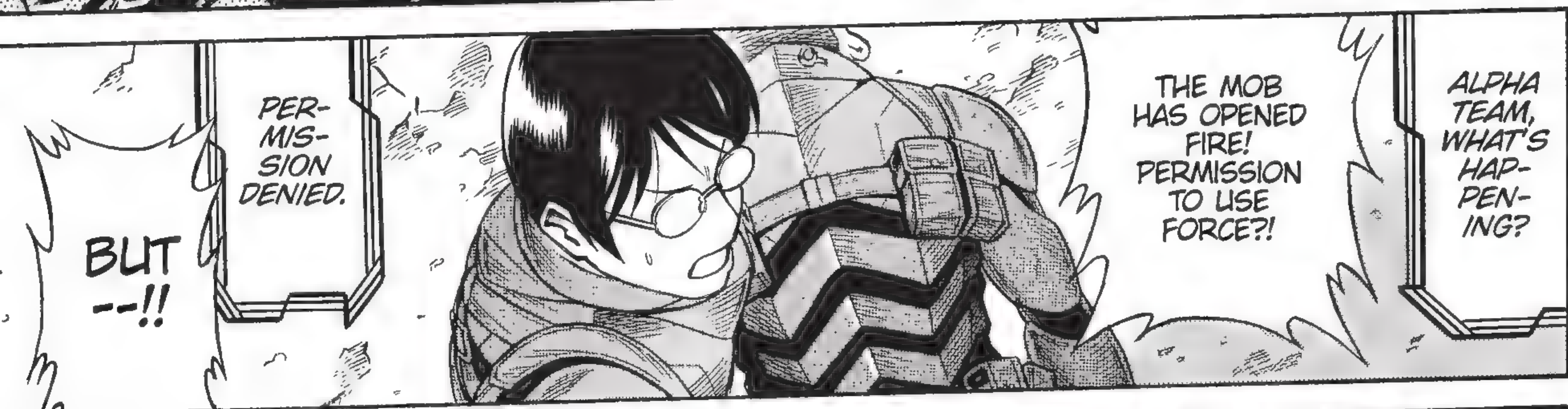
GO
AHEAD
AND
MAKE IT
"EASY"
FOR US,
WHY
DON'TCHA
?

LIGH.



LEEROY!!

BANG





RAAAAAAAAAAH

HOOOF

GROWL

SECURITY



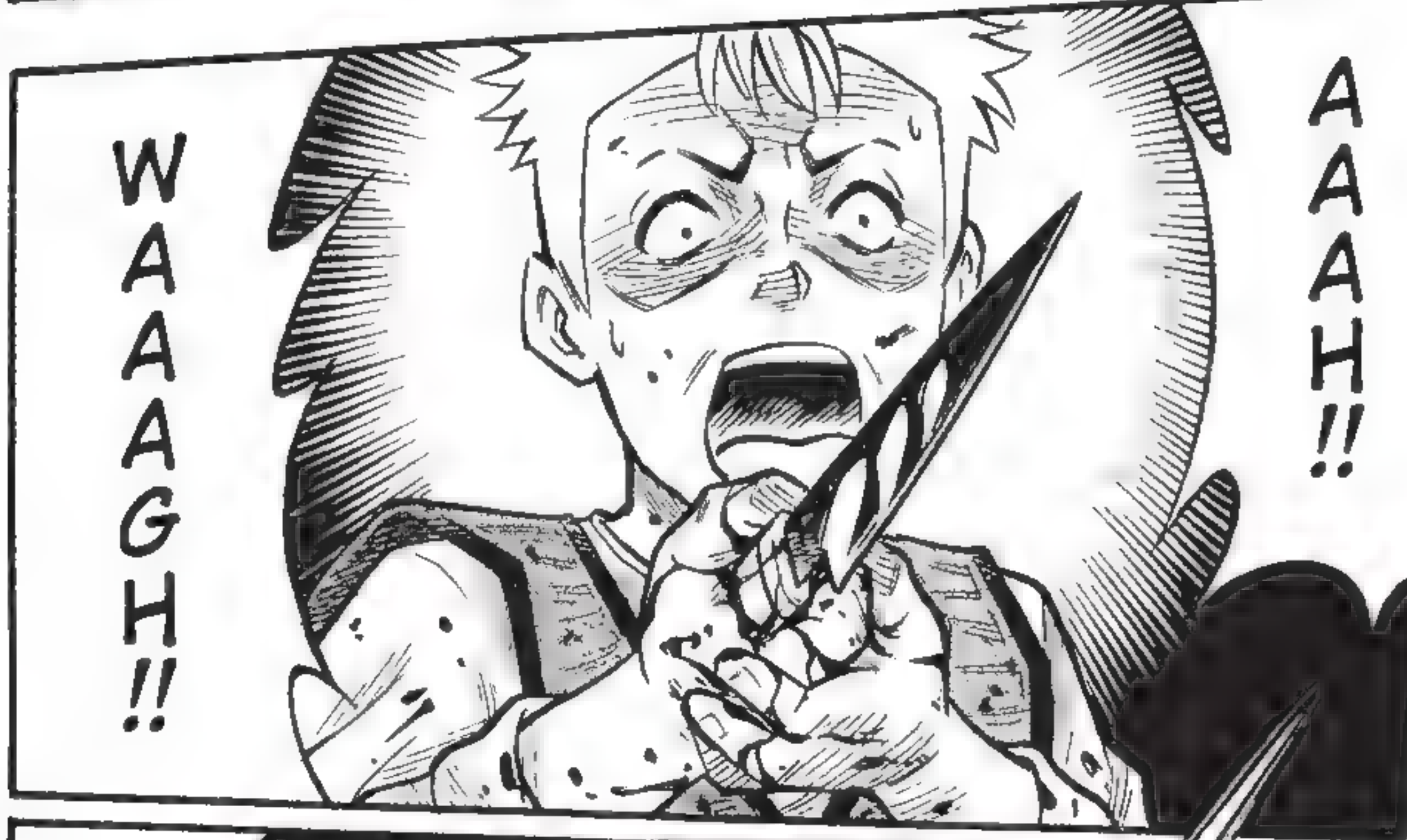
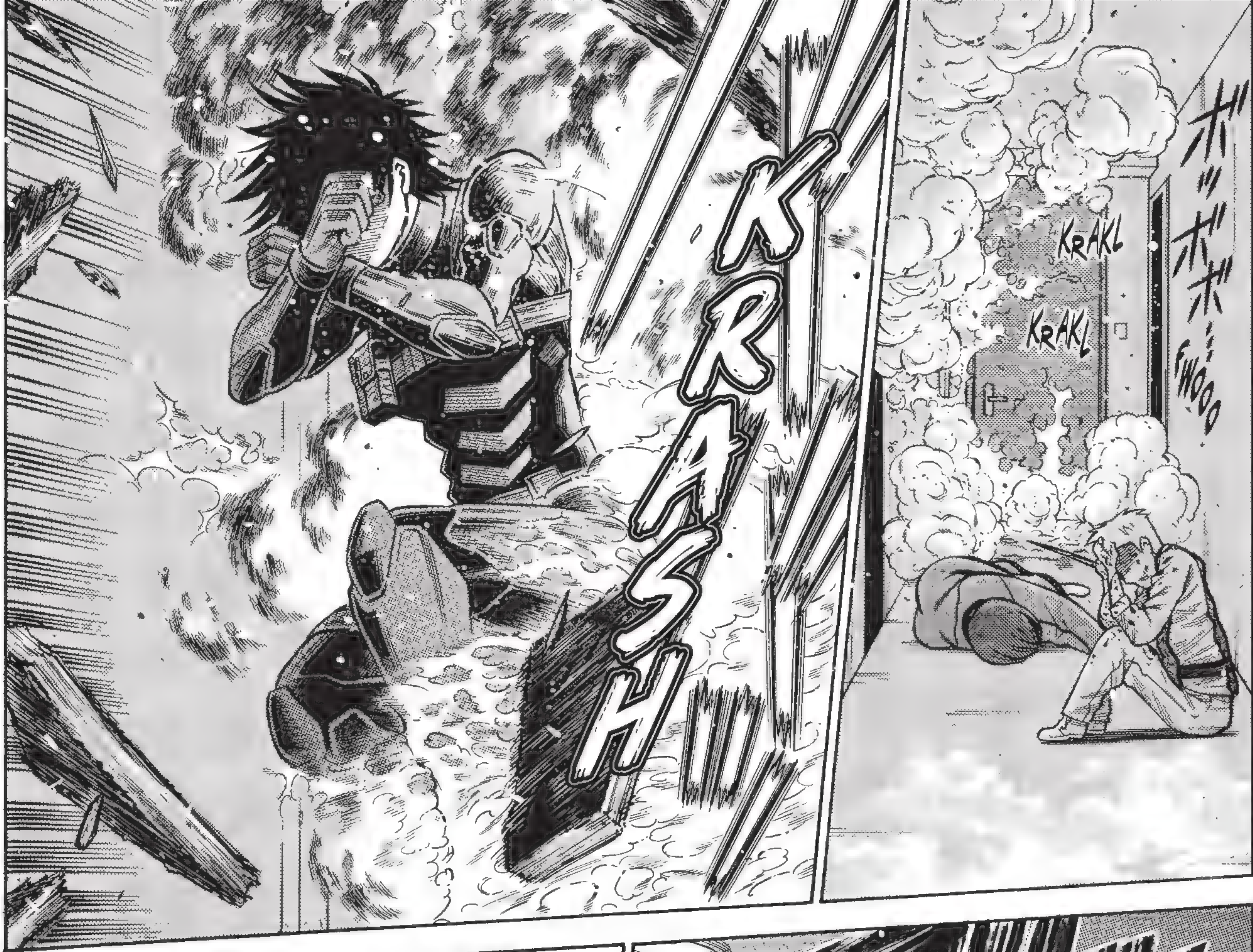
AWOOOOO

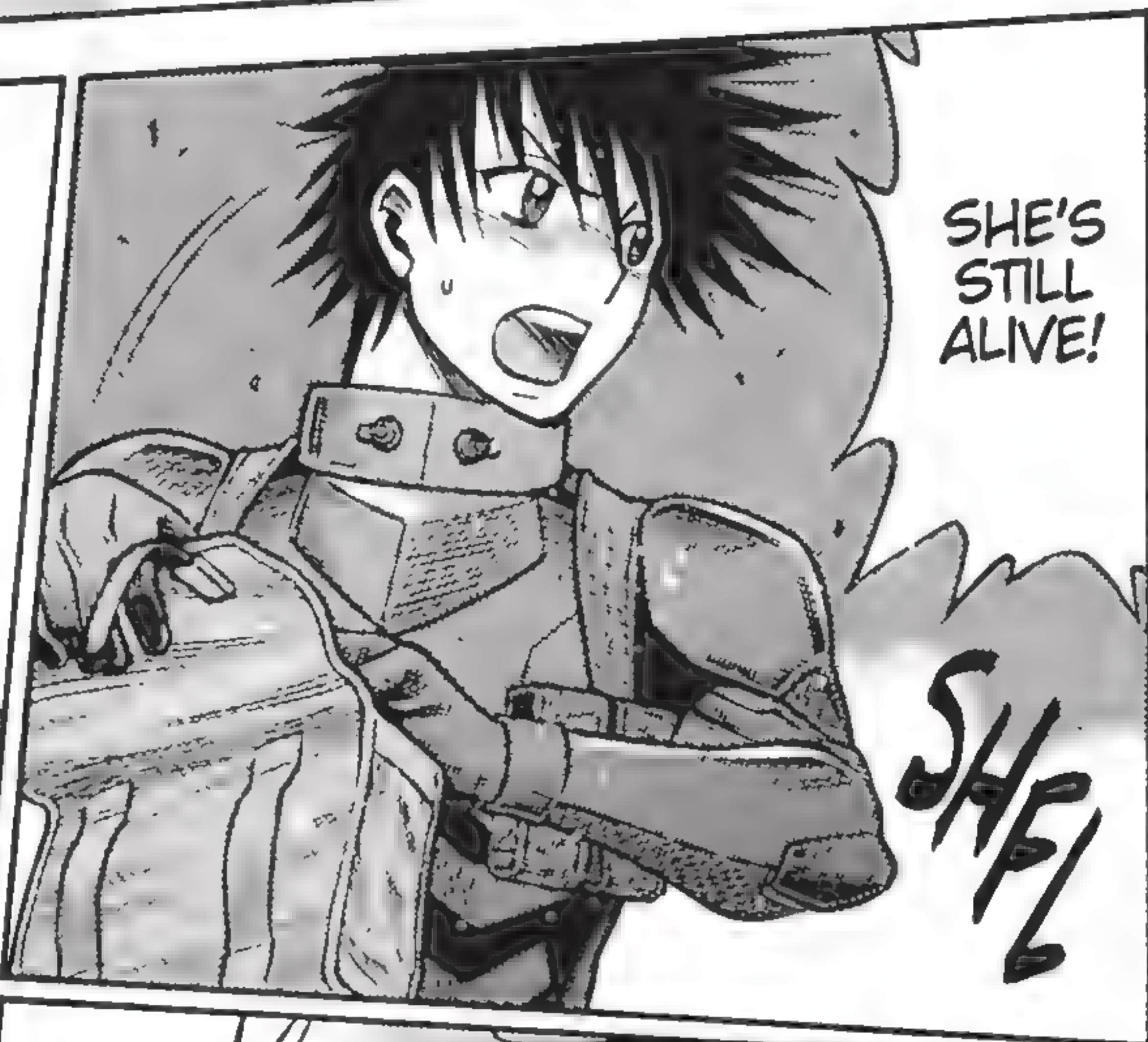
GRIK

町内/外0-11
SECURITY PATROL

町内/外0-11
SECURITY PATROL

GRACK



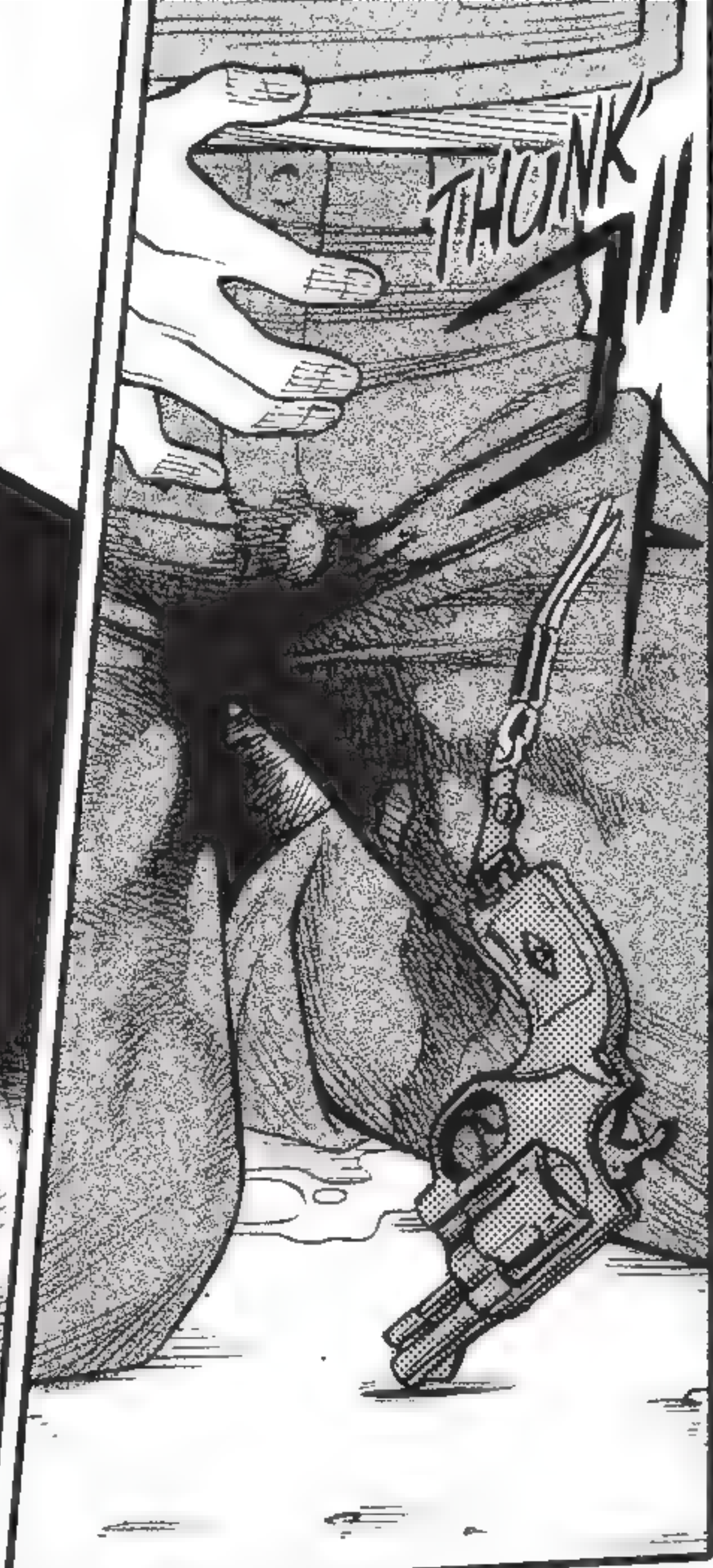






I'LL LET
YOU OFF
WITH
JUST
THAT,
OLD
MAN.

DON'T
DO IT
AGAIN.



US?
"MON-
STERS"?
OH,
I THINK
NOT...

THERE
IS A FAR
NASTIER,
FAR
UGLIER
MONSTER
AROUND
HERE
THAN
US.



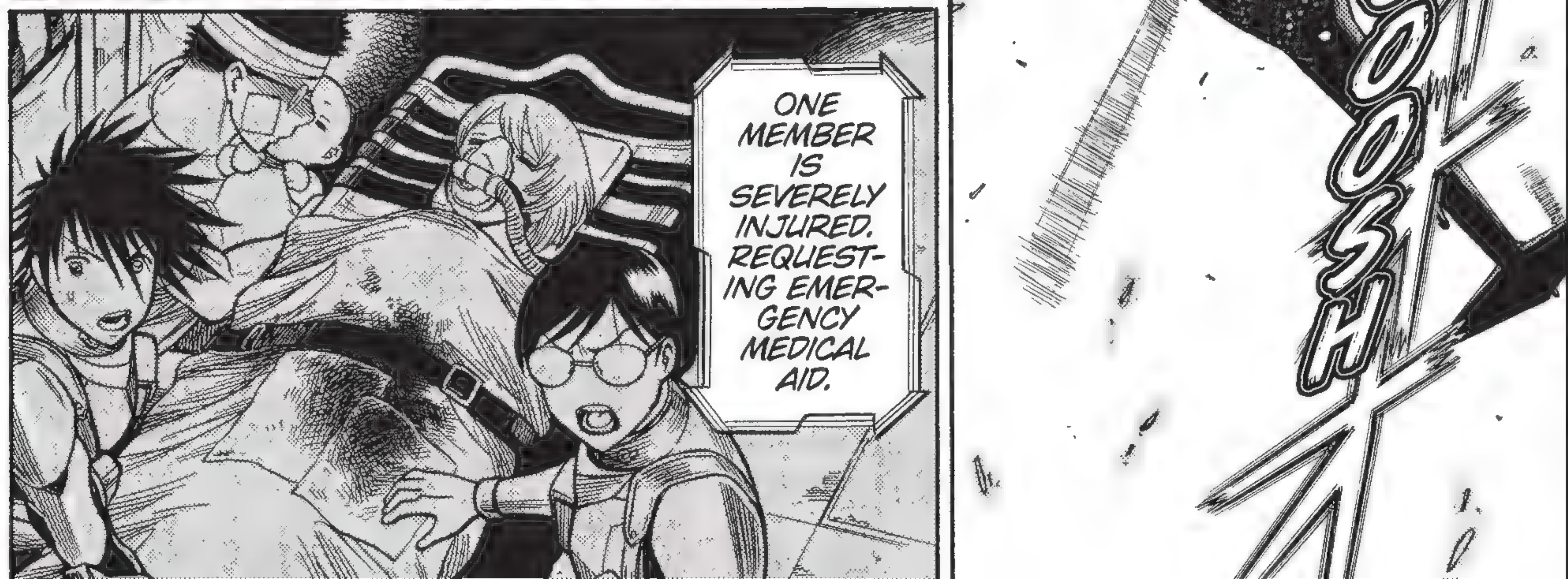
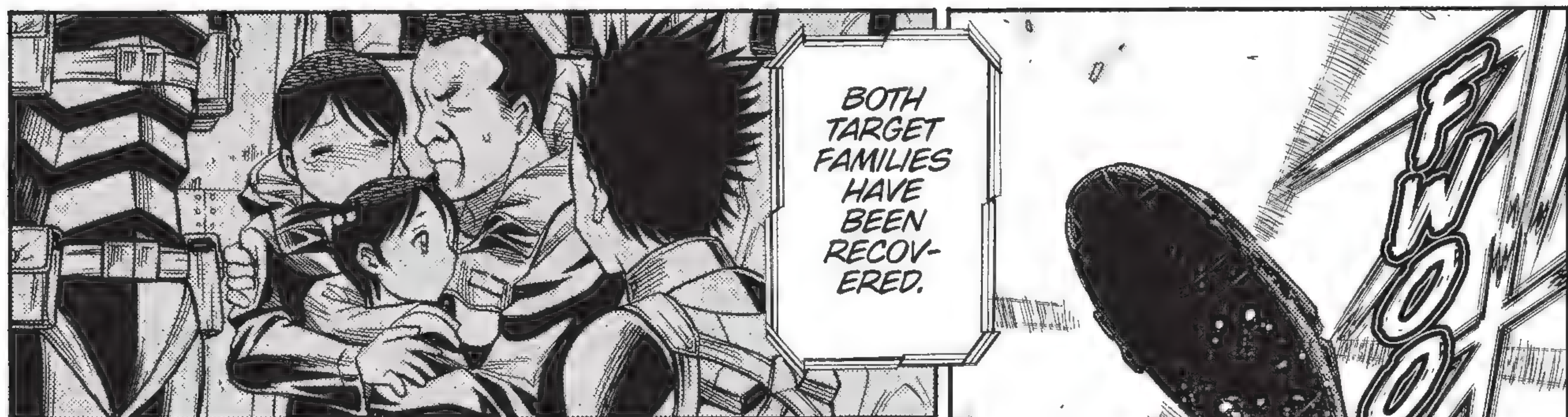
ST-
ST-
STAY
BACK!

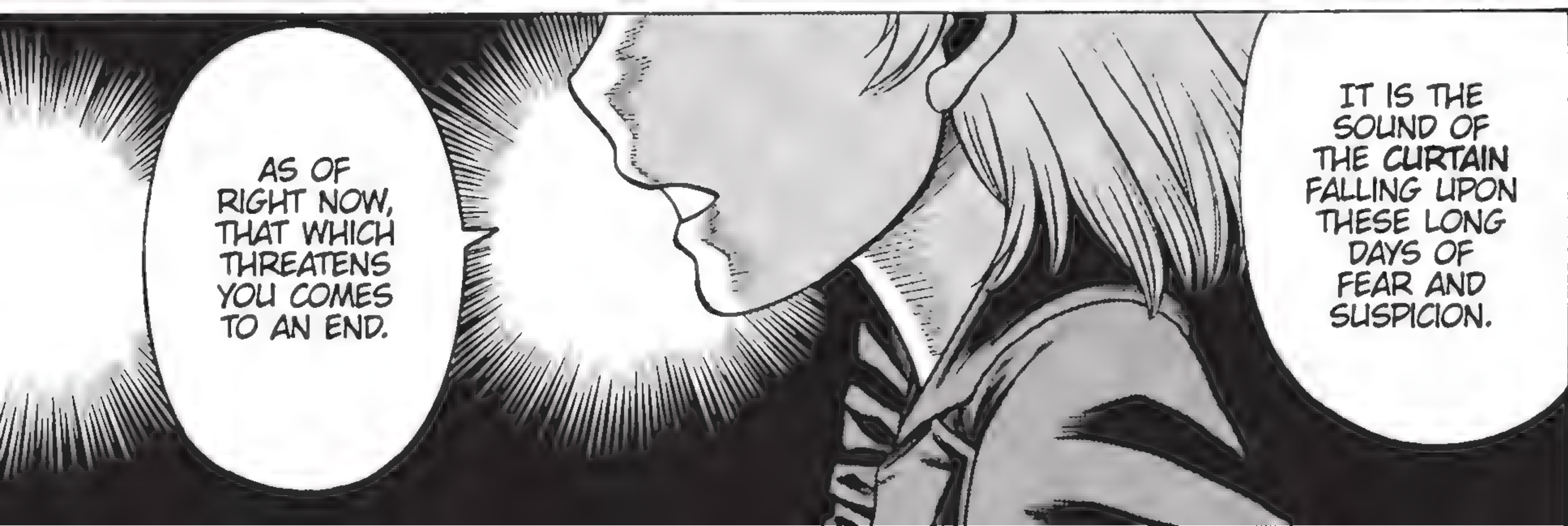
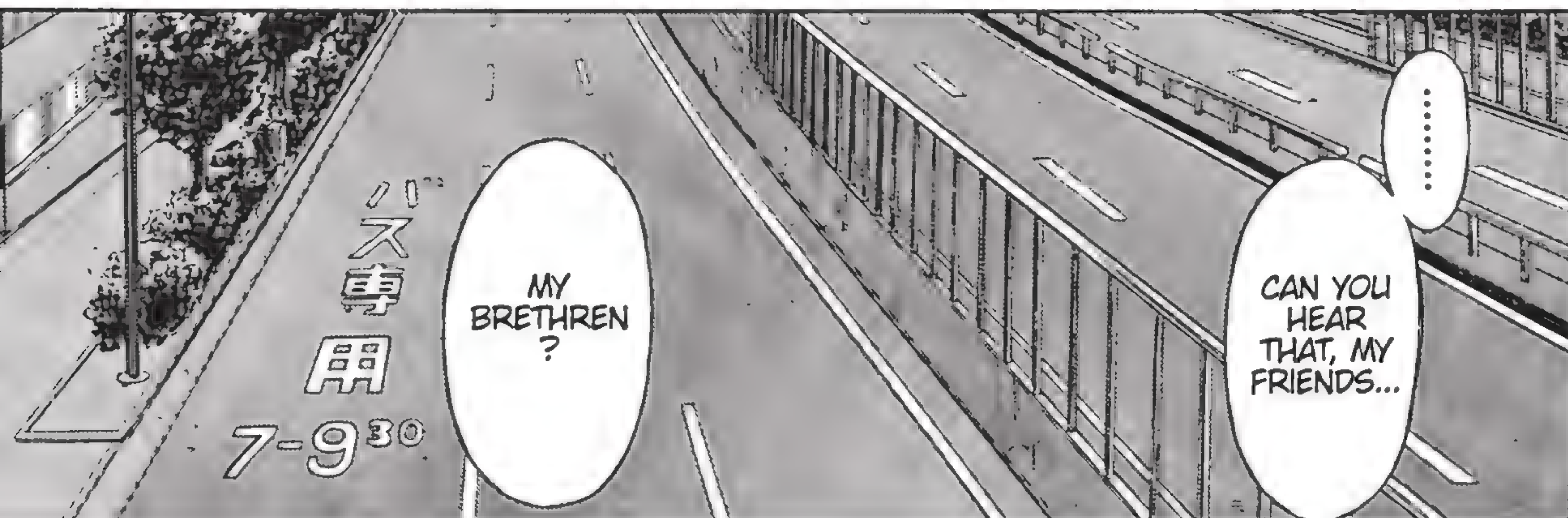
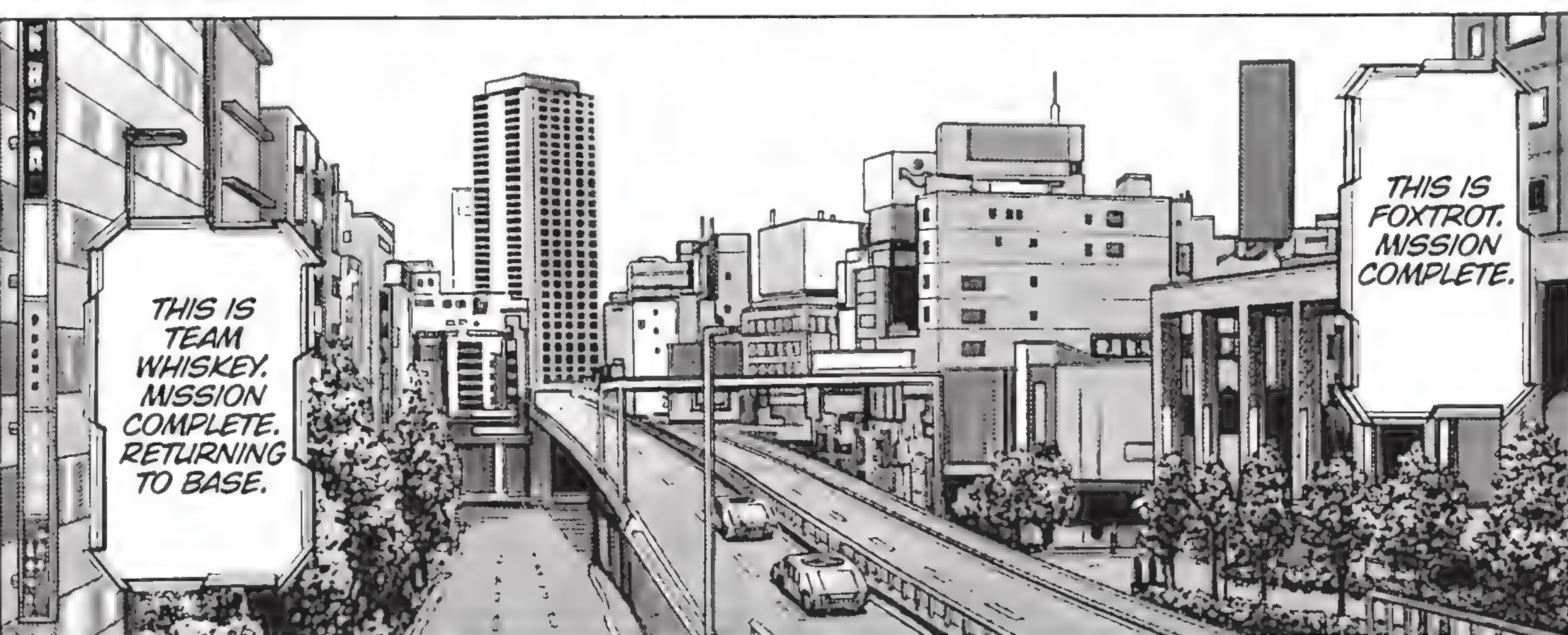
STAY
AWAY
FROM
ME,
YOU
MON-
STER!

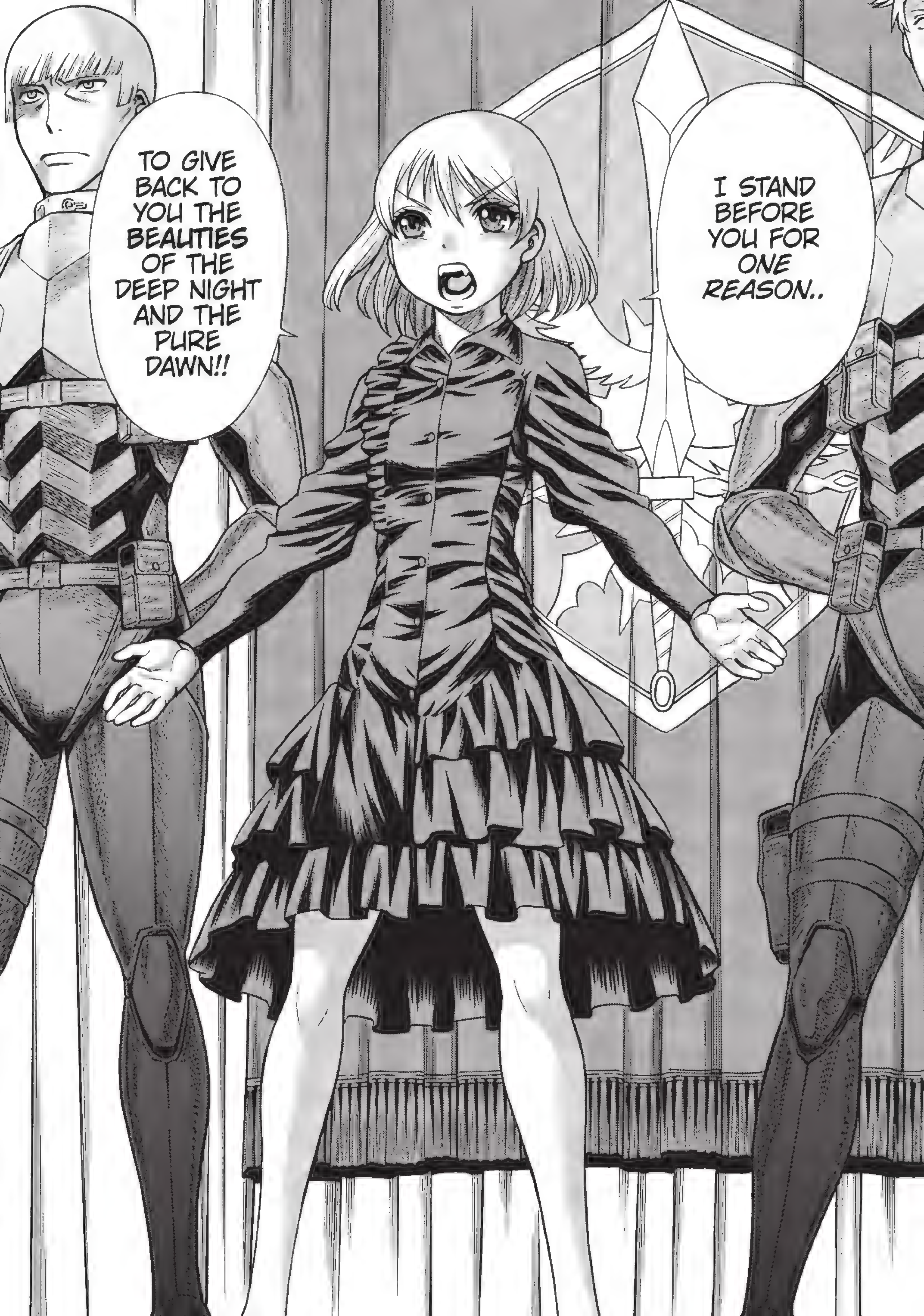


DON'T
LEAVE
ME
HERE!!

W-
WAIT
FOR
ME!







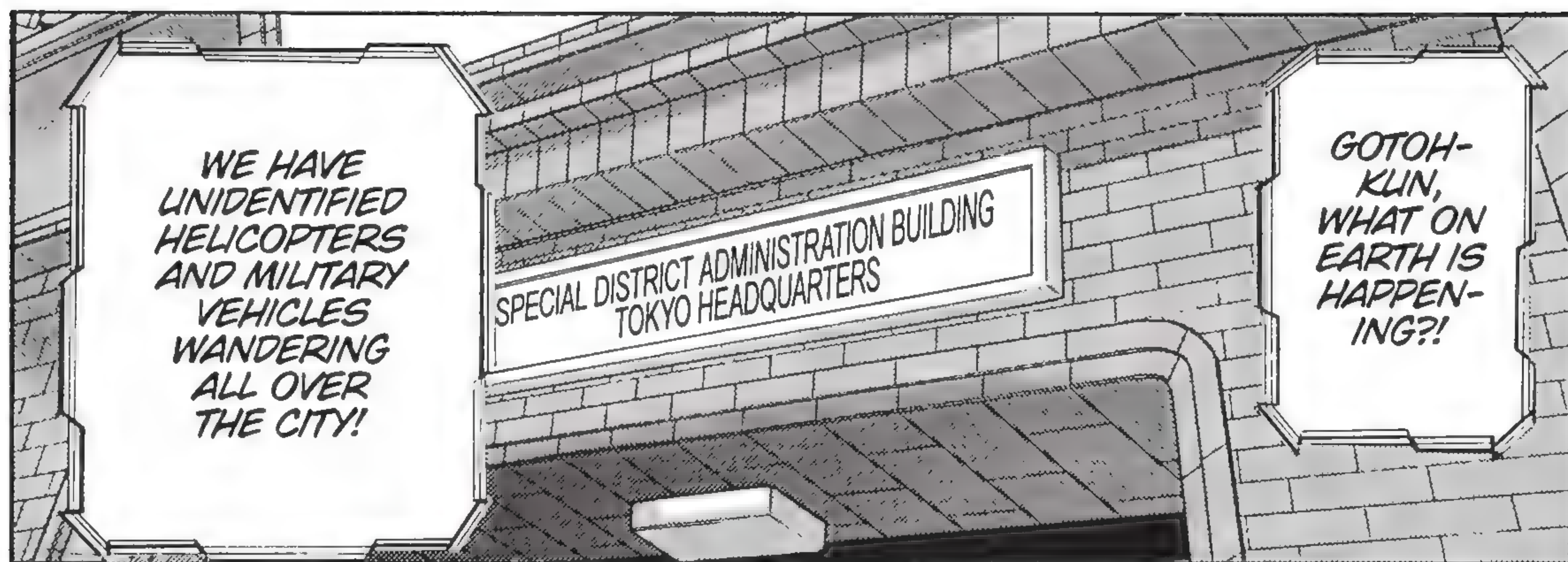
TO GIVE
BACK TO
YOU THE
BEAUTIES
OF THE
DEEP NIGHT
AND THE
PURE
DAWN!!

I STAND
BEFORE
YOU FOR
ONE
REASON..



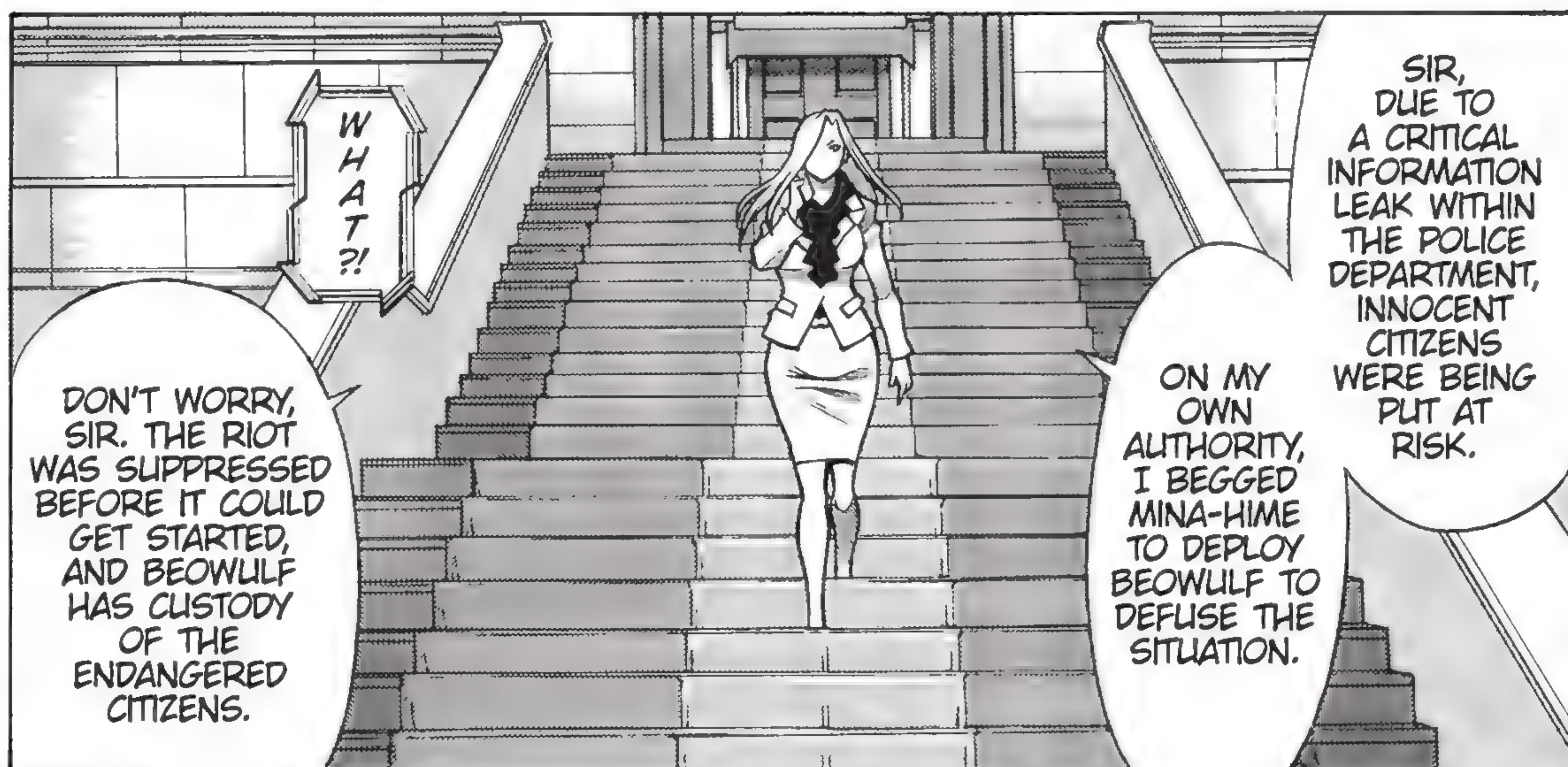
CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND...

YOUR
QUEEN
HAS
RETURNED
!!



WE HAVE
UNIDENTIFIED
HELICOPTERS
AND MILITARY
VEHICLES
WANDERING
ALL OVER
THE CITY!

GOTOH-
KUN,
WHAT ON
EARTH IS
HAPPEN-
ING?!

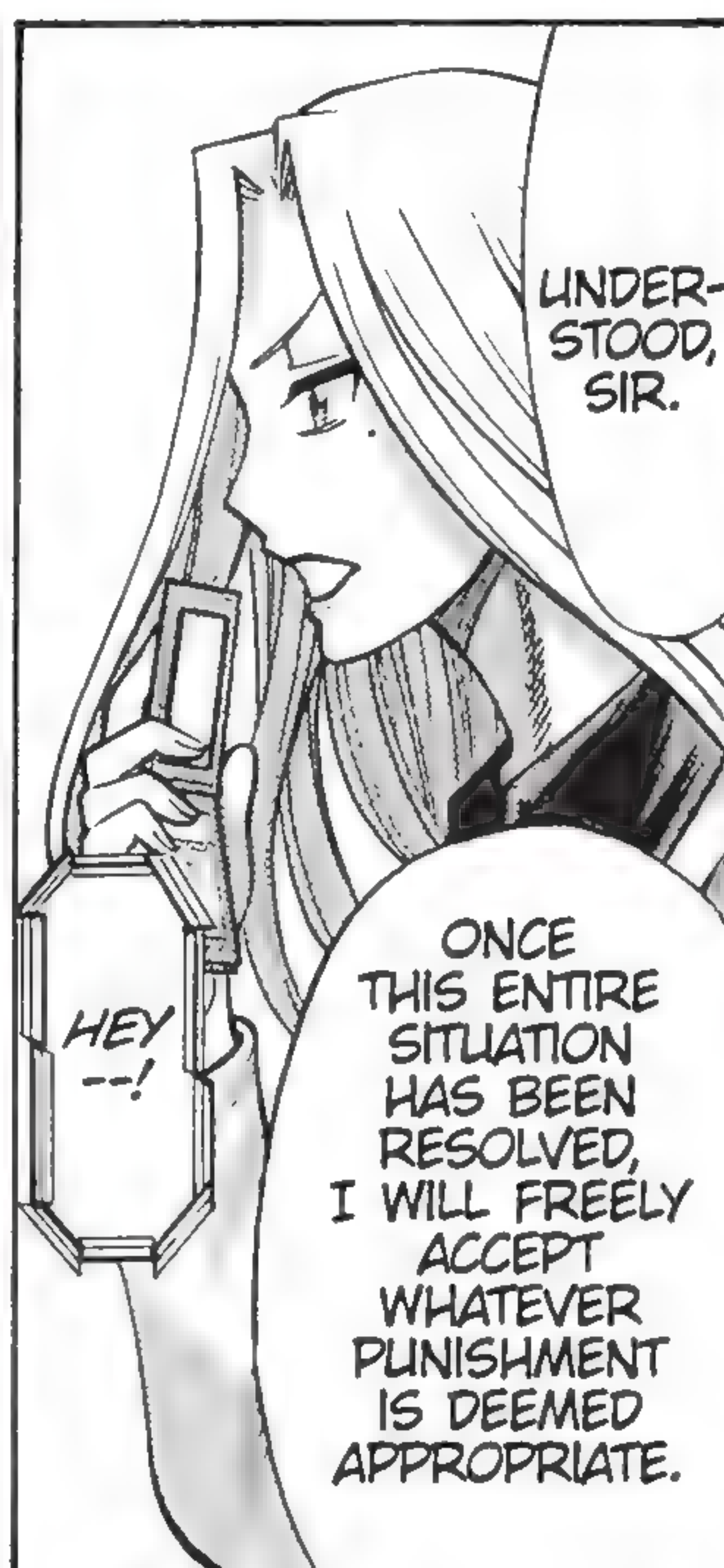
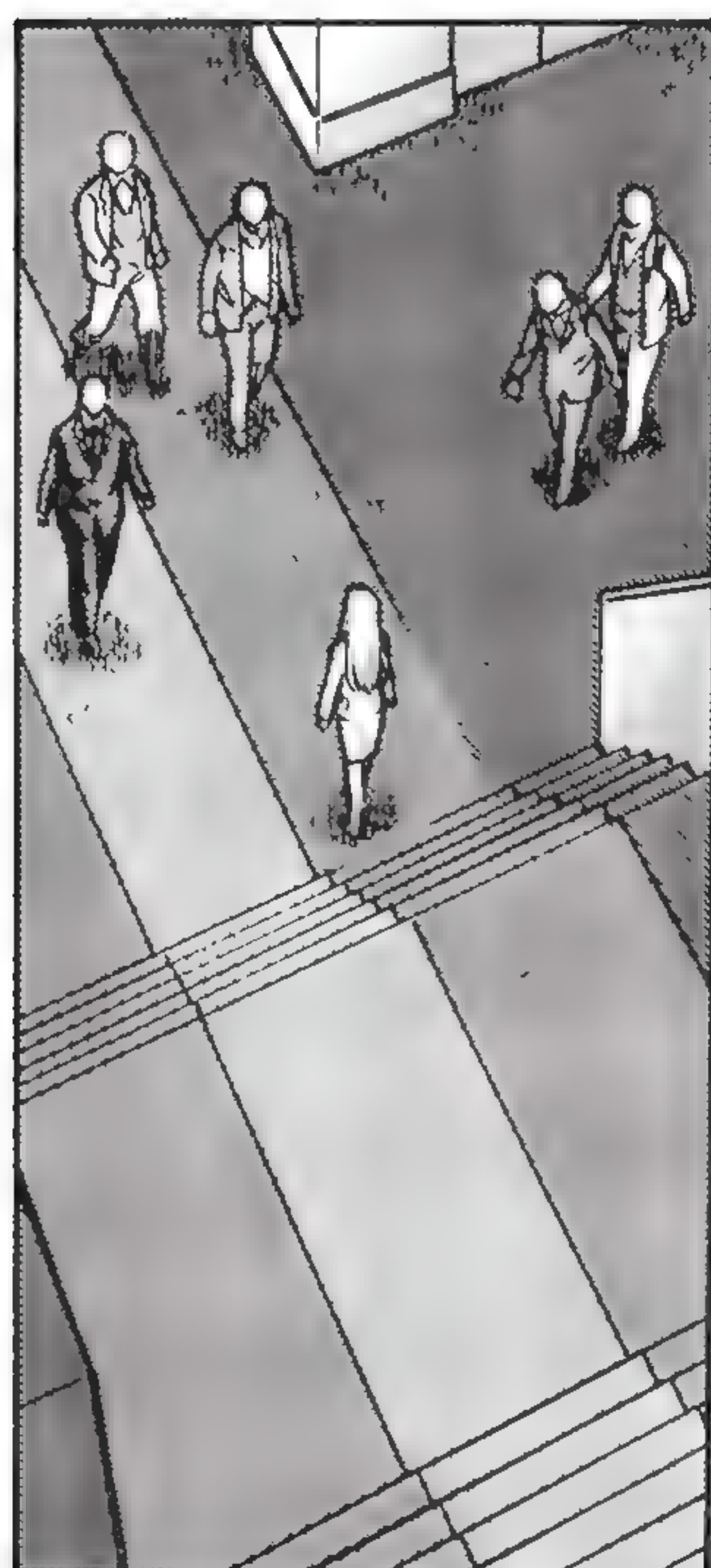


DON'T WORRY,
SIR. THE RIOT
WAS SUPPRESSED
BEFORE IT COULD
GET STARTED,
AND BEOWULF
HAS CUSTODY
OF THE
ENDANGERED
CITIZENS.

W
H
A
T
?!

ON MY
OWN
AUTHORITY,
I BEGGED
MINA-HIME
TO DEPLOY
BEOWULF TO
DEFUSE THE
SITUATION.

SIR,
DUE TO
A CRITICAL
INFORMATION
LEAK WITHIN
THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT,
INNOCENT
CITIZENS
WERE BEING
PUT AT
RISK.



UNDER-
STOOD,
SIR.

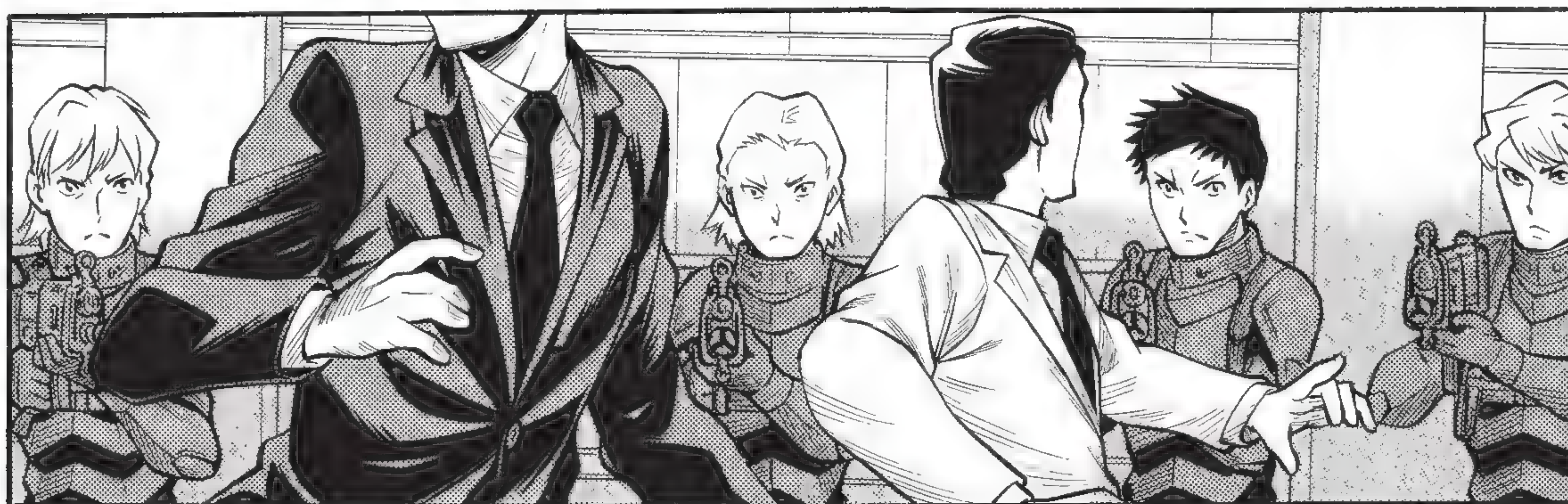
HEY
--!
ONCE
THIS ENTIRE
SITUATION
HAS BEEN
RESOLVED,
I WILL FREELY
ACCEPT
WHATEVER
PUNISHMENT
IS DEEMED
APPROPRIATE.



DO YOU
HAVE
ANY
IDEA
WHAT
YOU
HAVE
DONE?!

THAT
QUALIFIES
AS ARMED
REBELLION,
MAKING YOU
A FULL-
FLEDGED
TRAITOR
TO THE
STATE!

YOU HAVE
ORDERED
A FOREIGN
MERCENARY
UNIT TO
OPERATE
WITHIN CITY
LIMITS,
WITHOUT
ANY GOV-
ERNMENT
APPROVAL!

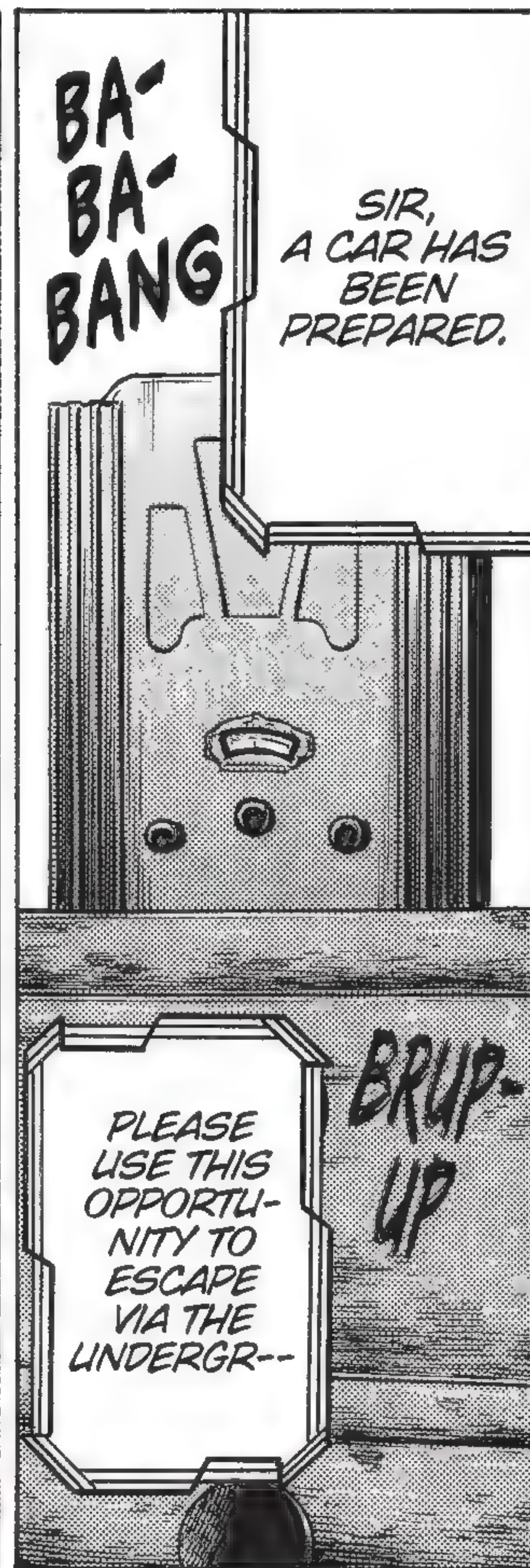
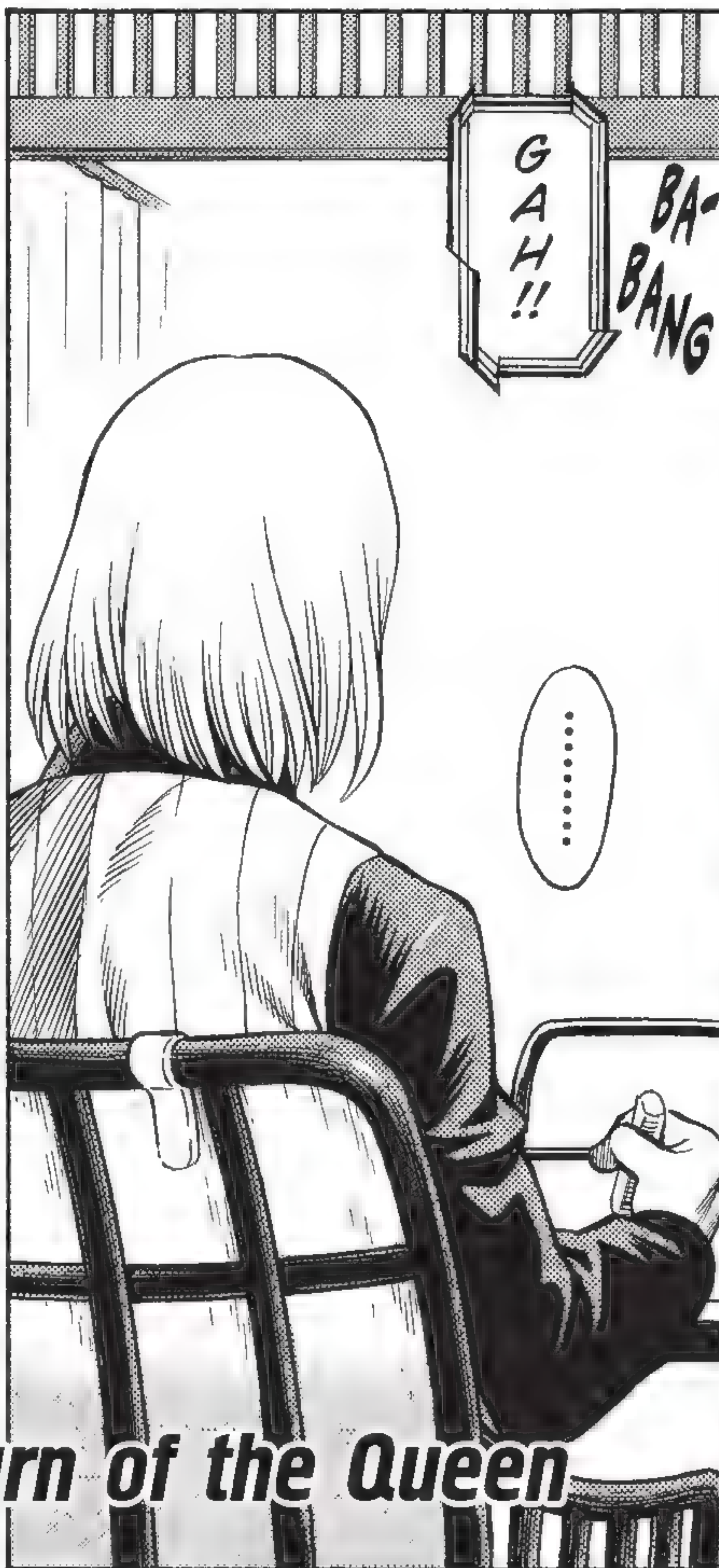
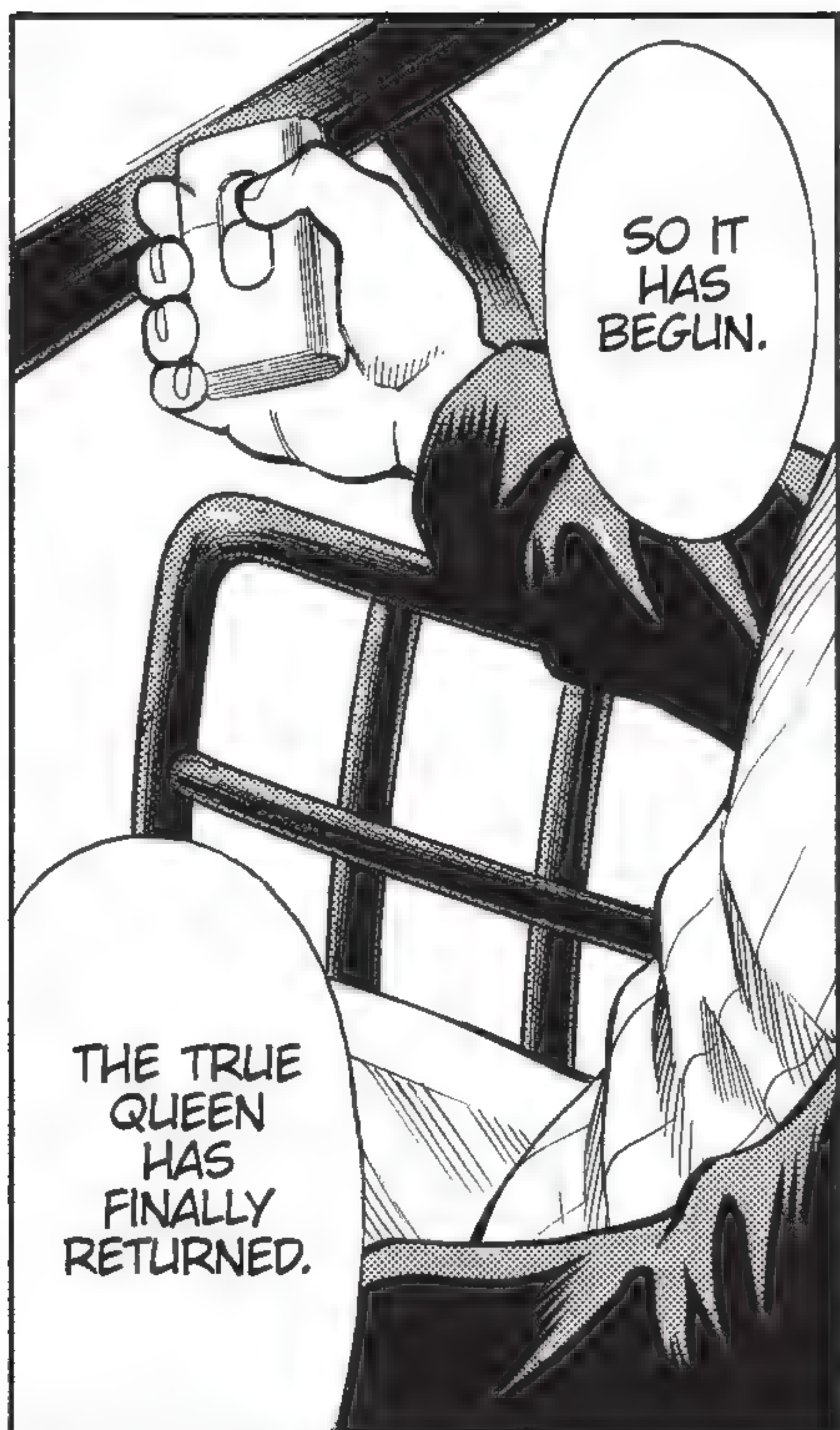




WHAT
AM I
DOING?

**SAVING
THIS
COUNTRY
!!**

I AM
DOING
WHAT
ANY CIVIL
SERVANT
IN THEIR
RIGHT MIND
SHOULD
BE DOING.



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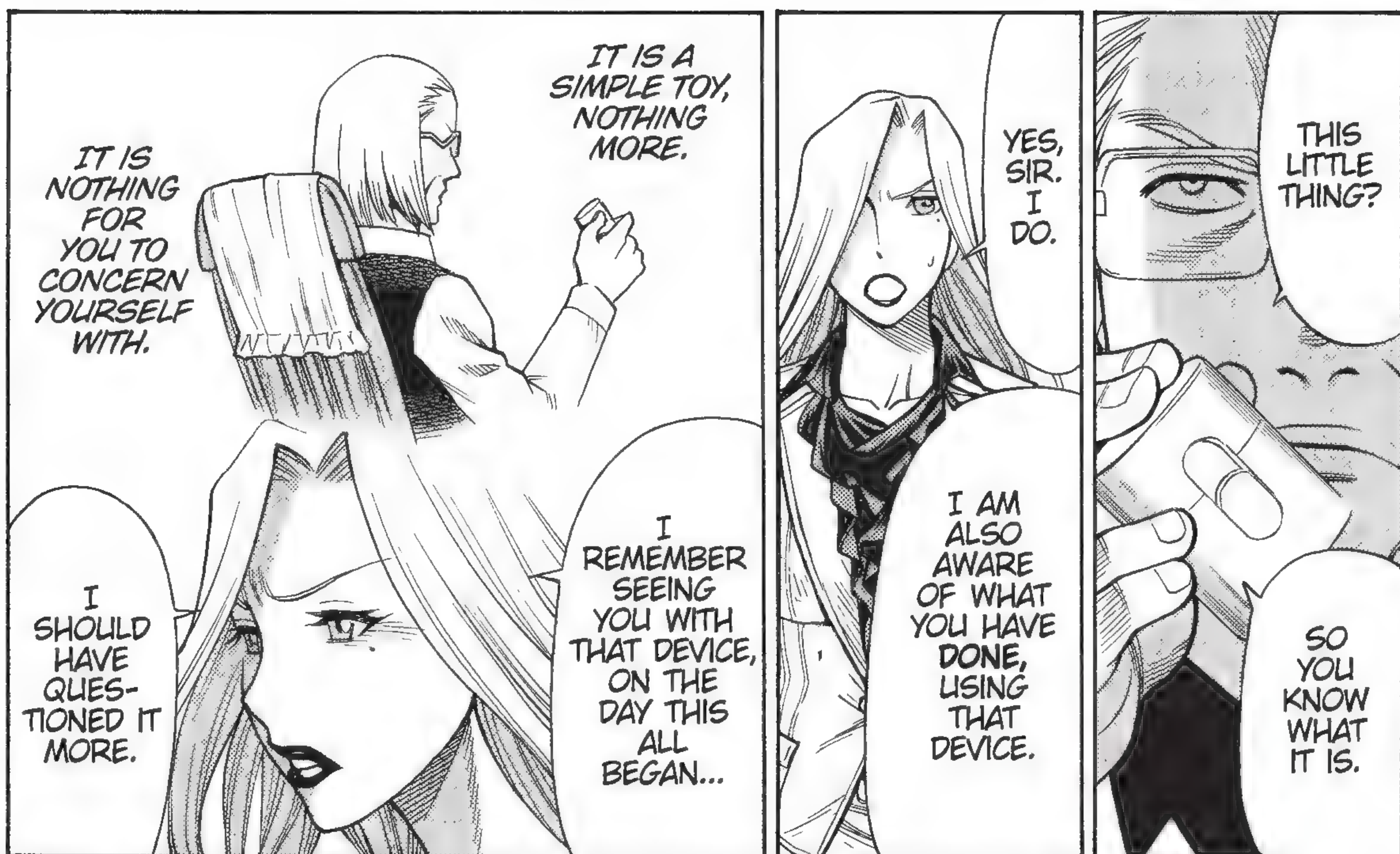




THAT
DEVICE
IN YOUR
HAND...

PLEASE
PASS IT
TO ME.

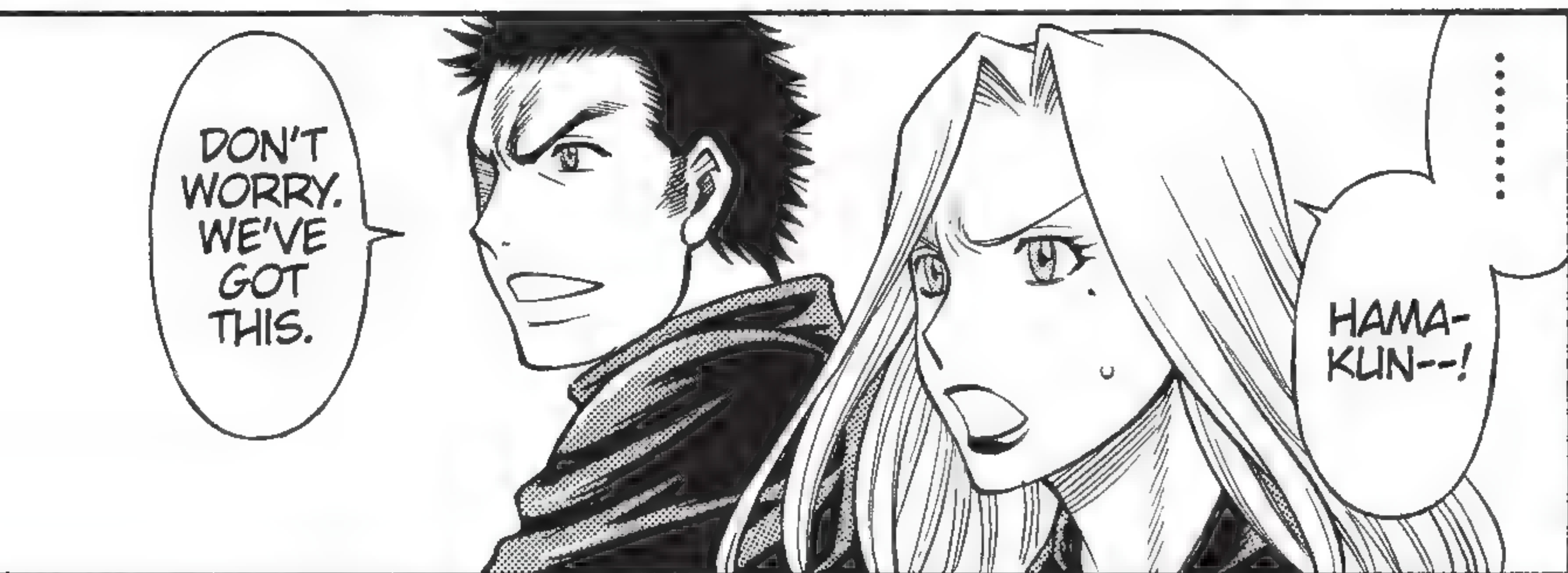
GRAND-
FATHER.





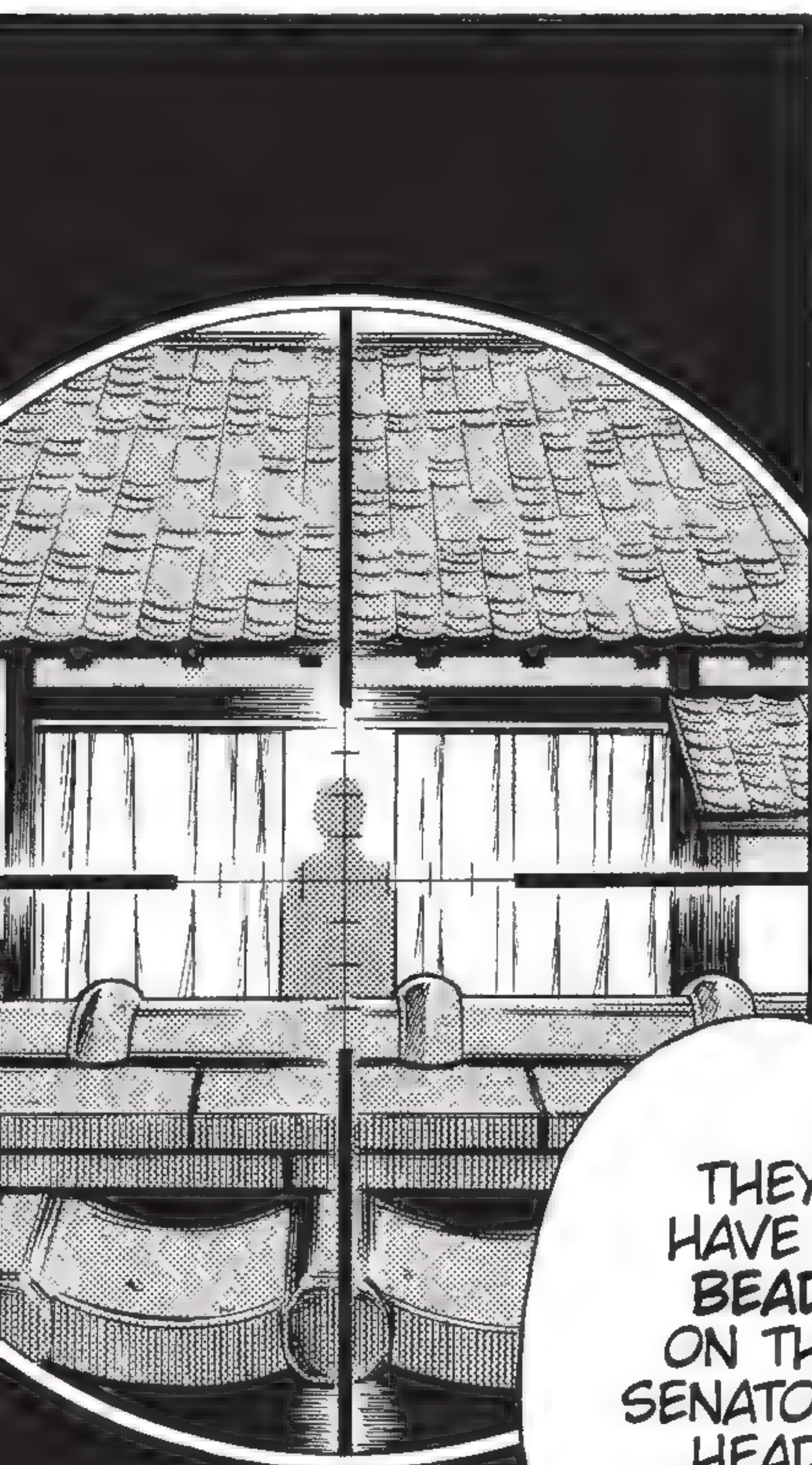
I COULD
PRESS
THIS
BUTTON
AT ANY
MOMENT.

HAVE
A
CARE.

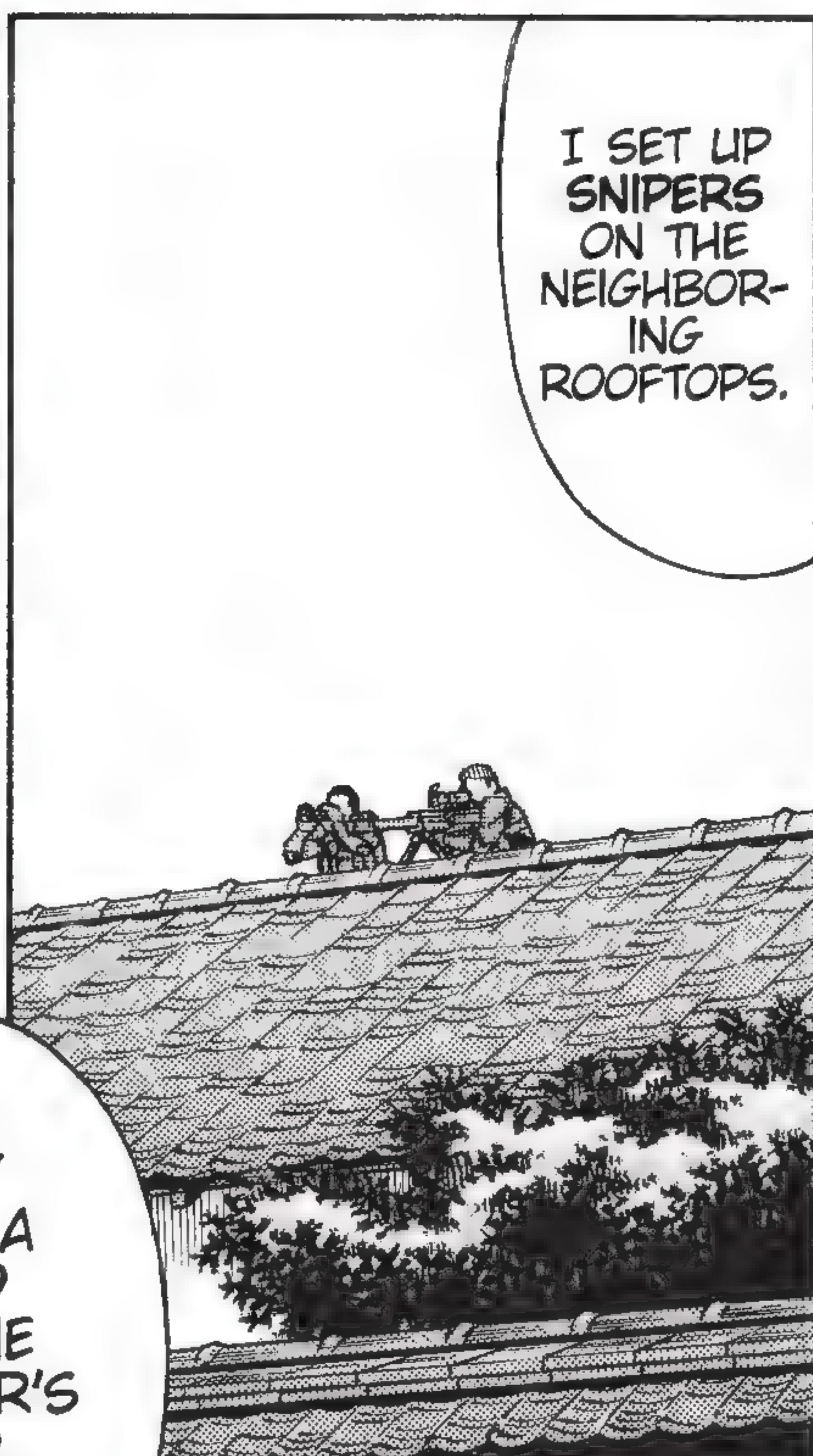


DON'T
WORRY.
WE'VE
GOT
THIS.

HAMA-
KUN--!



THEY
HAVE A
BEAD
ON THE
SENATOR'S
HEAD,
RIGHT
NOW.



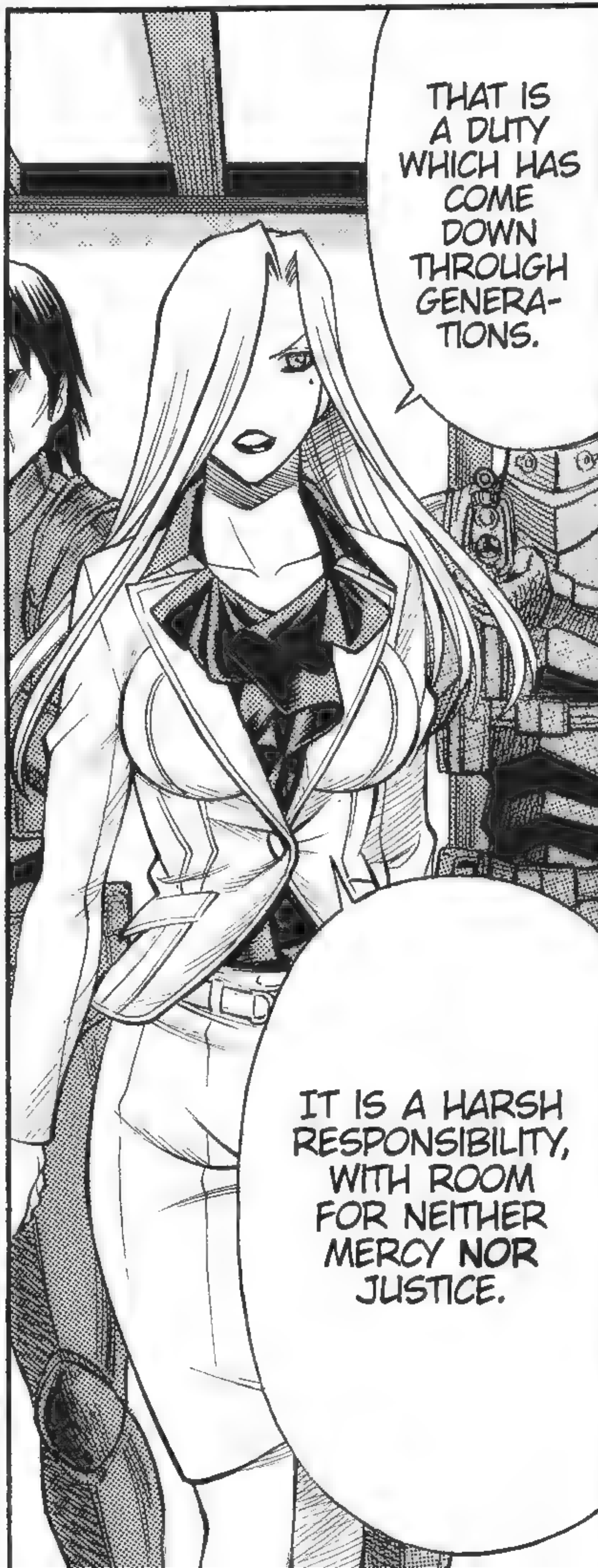
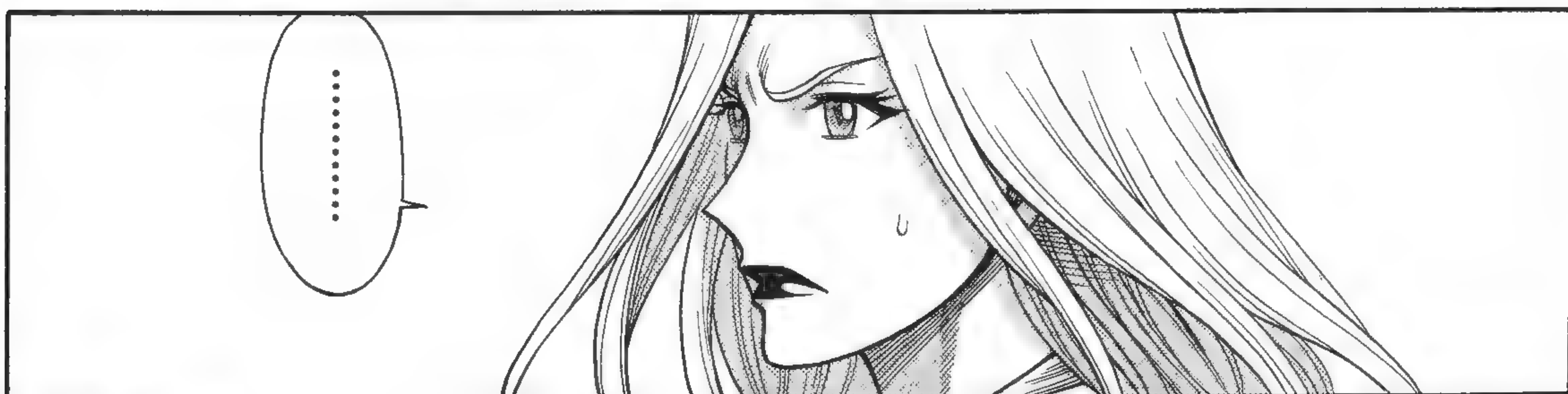
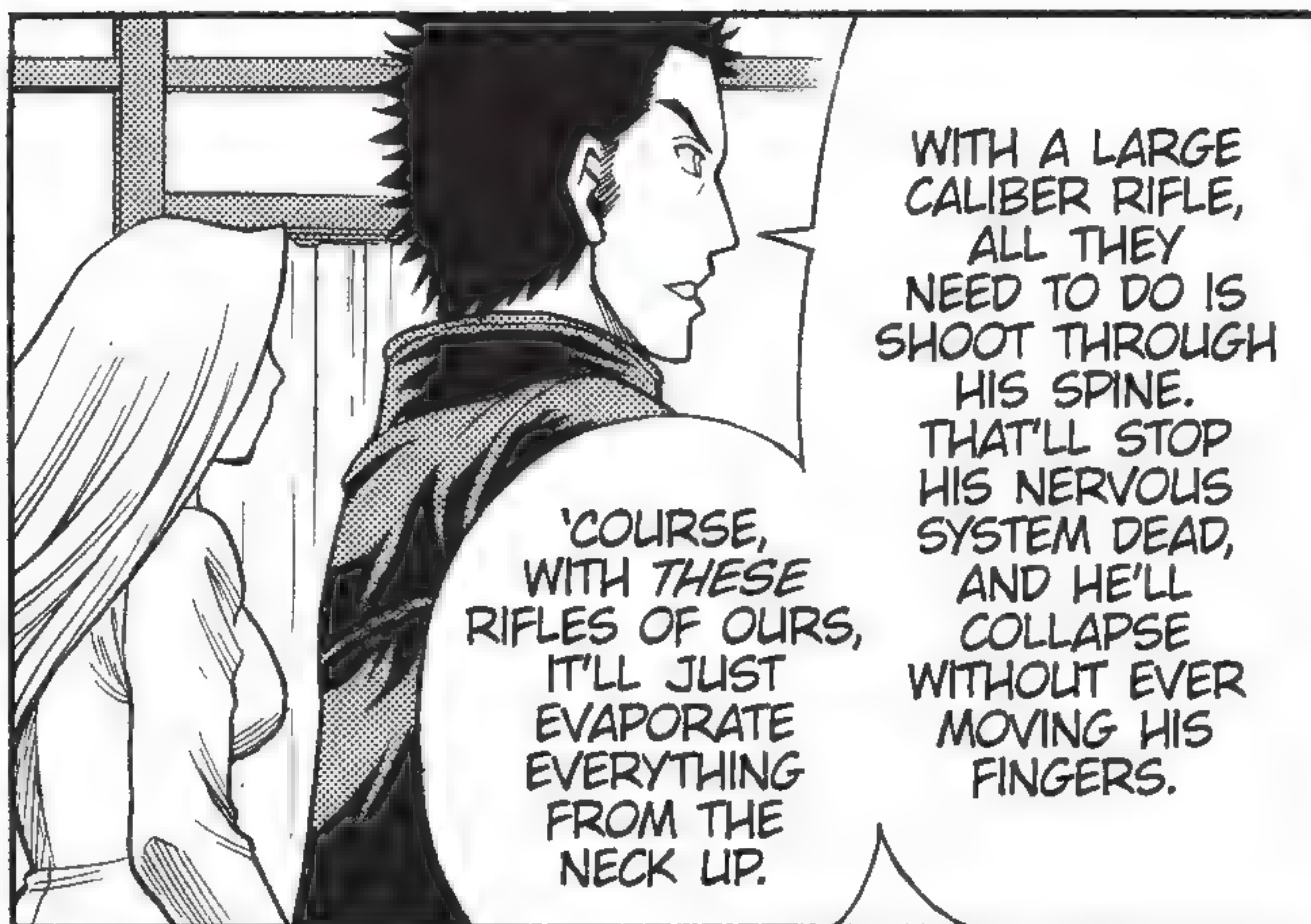
I SET UP
SNIPERS
ON THE
NEIGHBOR-
ING
ROOFTOPS.

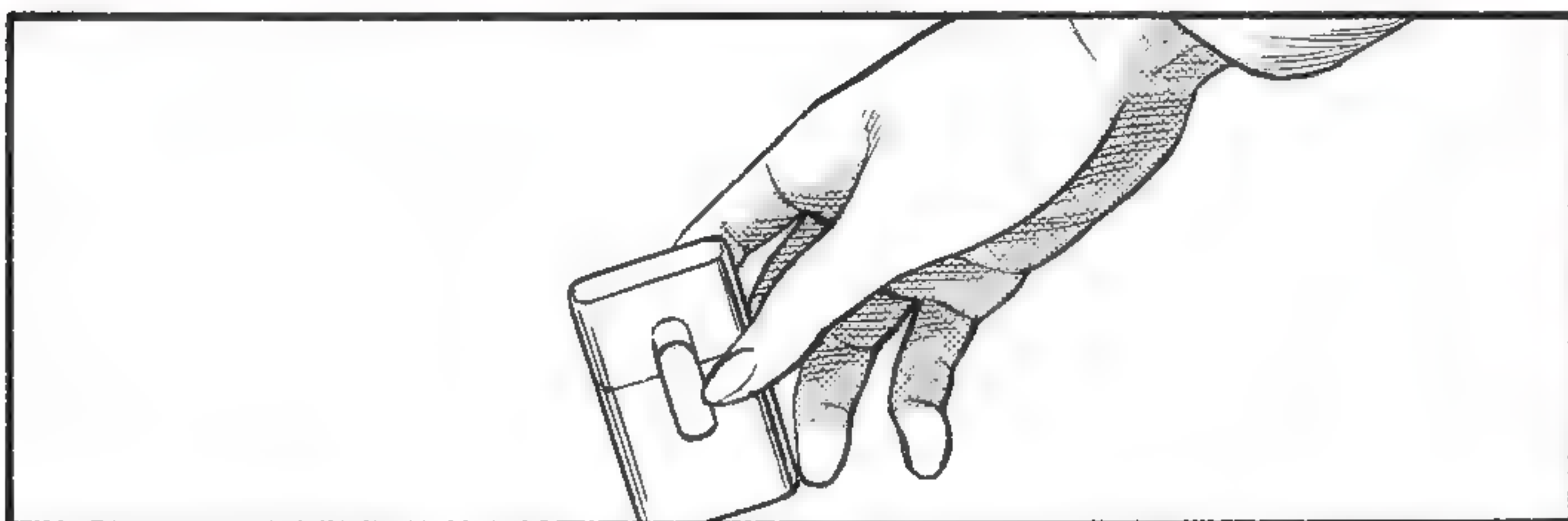
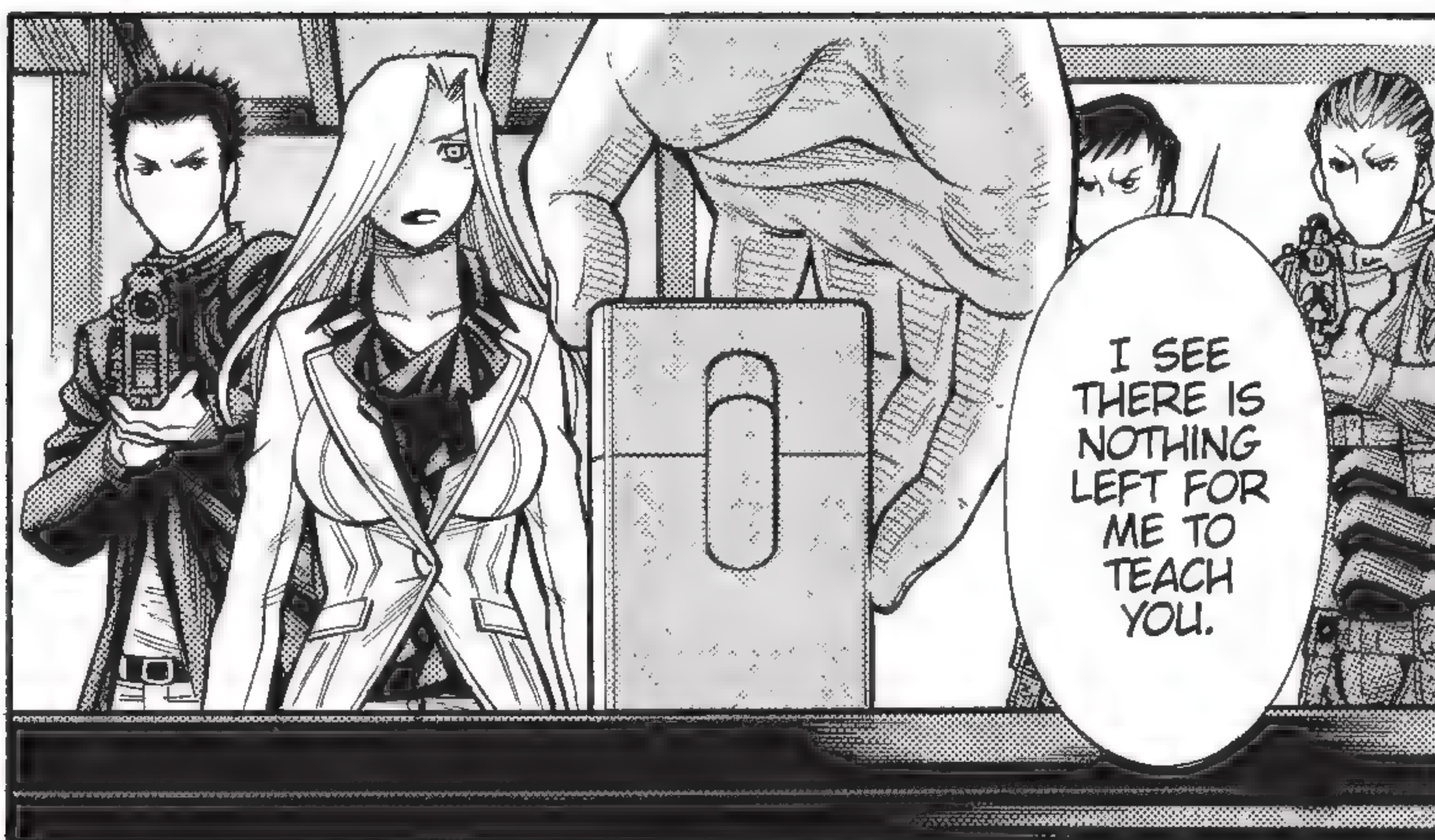


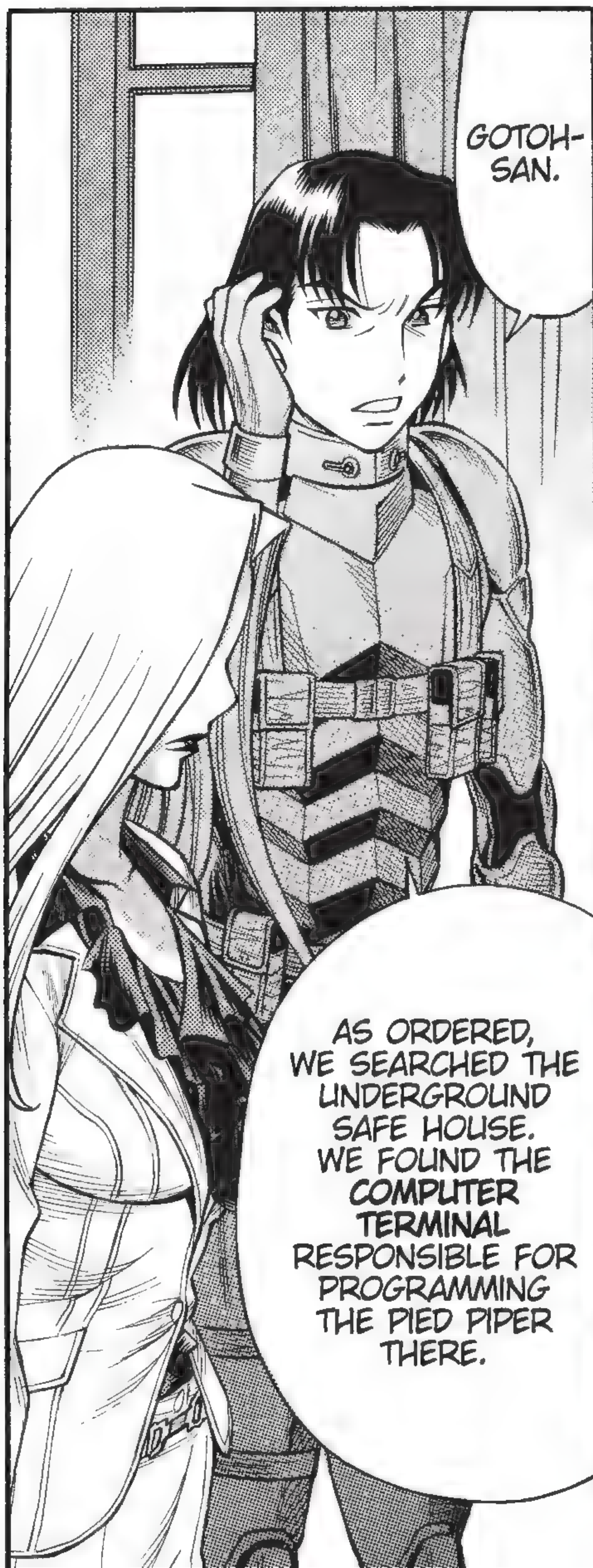
NO,
THOU-
SANDS
OF
HUMANS
MAY DIE.

HUN-
DREDS...

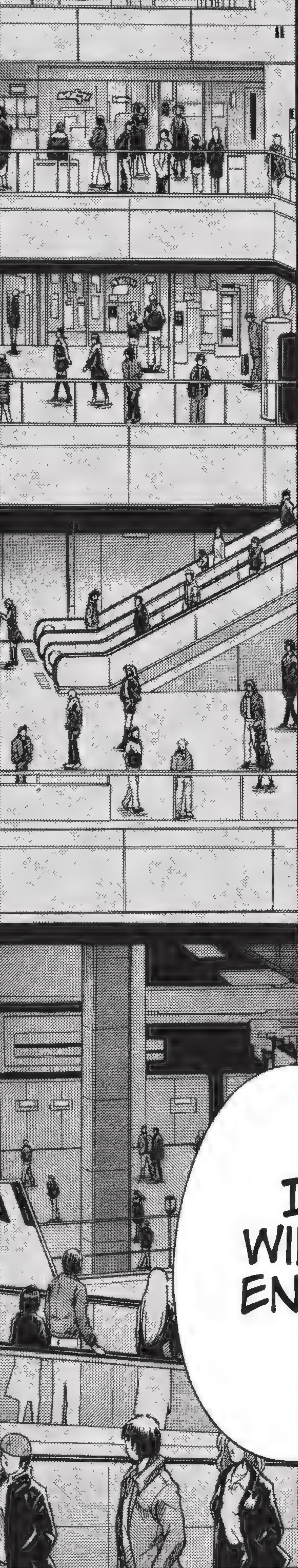
OR
PERHAPS
EVEN MORE.
WHO KNOWS
HOW MUCH
DAMAGE
THAT MANY
WALKING
TORCHES
MIGHT DO.







NOT A MIXED BLOOD, HALF-BREED LIKE YOU.



WHAT MY
GRAND-
FATHER
BEGAN...

I
WILL
END!



GOTOH-
SAN...



WE DON'T
HAVE
TIME TO
RELOCATE
THE
TERMINAL.

PLEASE
BEGIN
REPRO-
GRAMMING
THE PIED
PIPER
COMMAND
PROGRAM
AT ONCE.

THE TIME
HAS COME
FOR ALL
WHO LIVE
HERE TO
MAKE A
CHOICE.

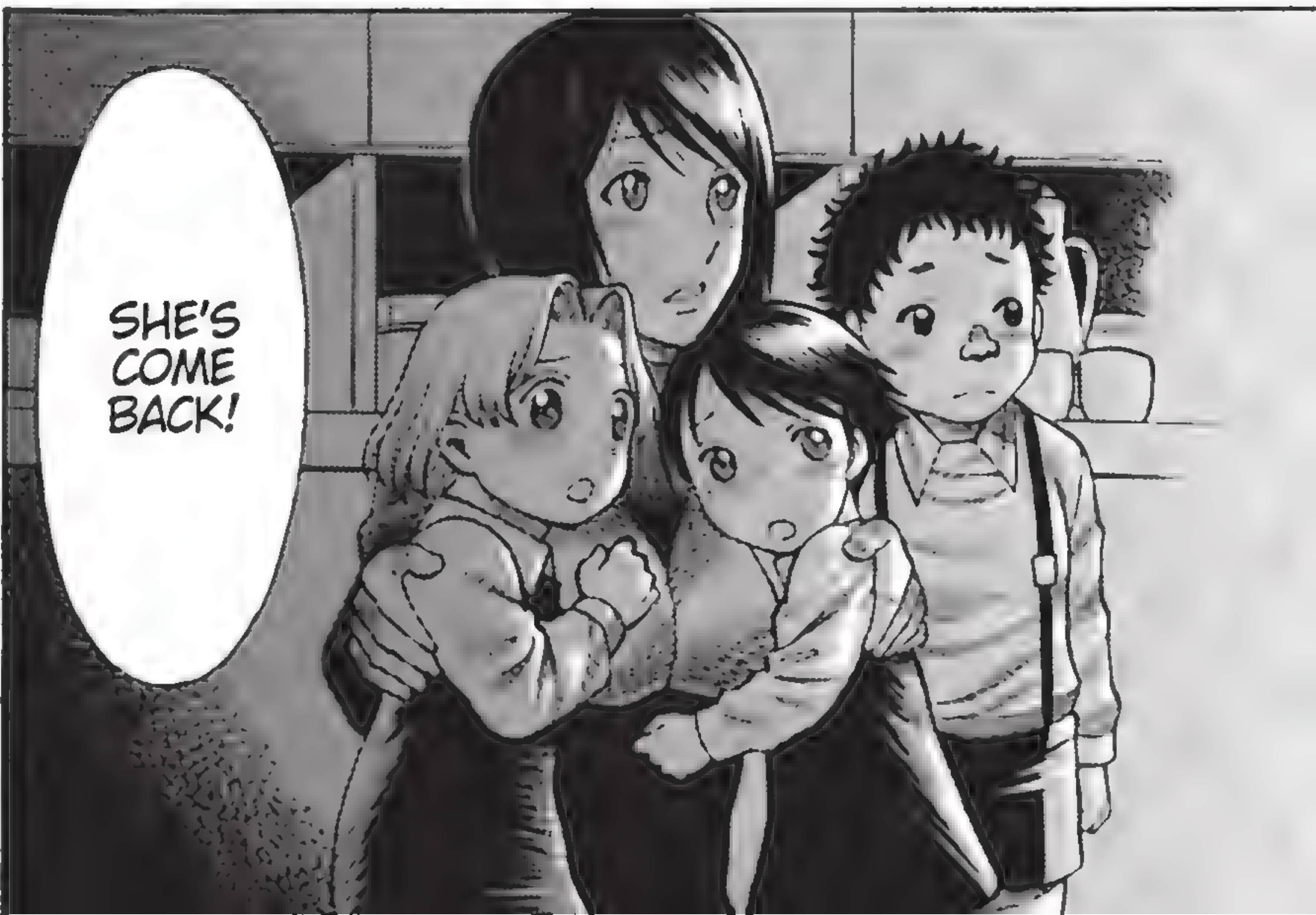
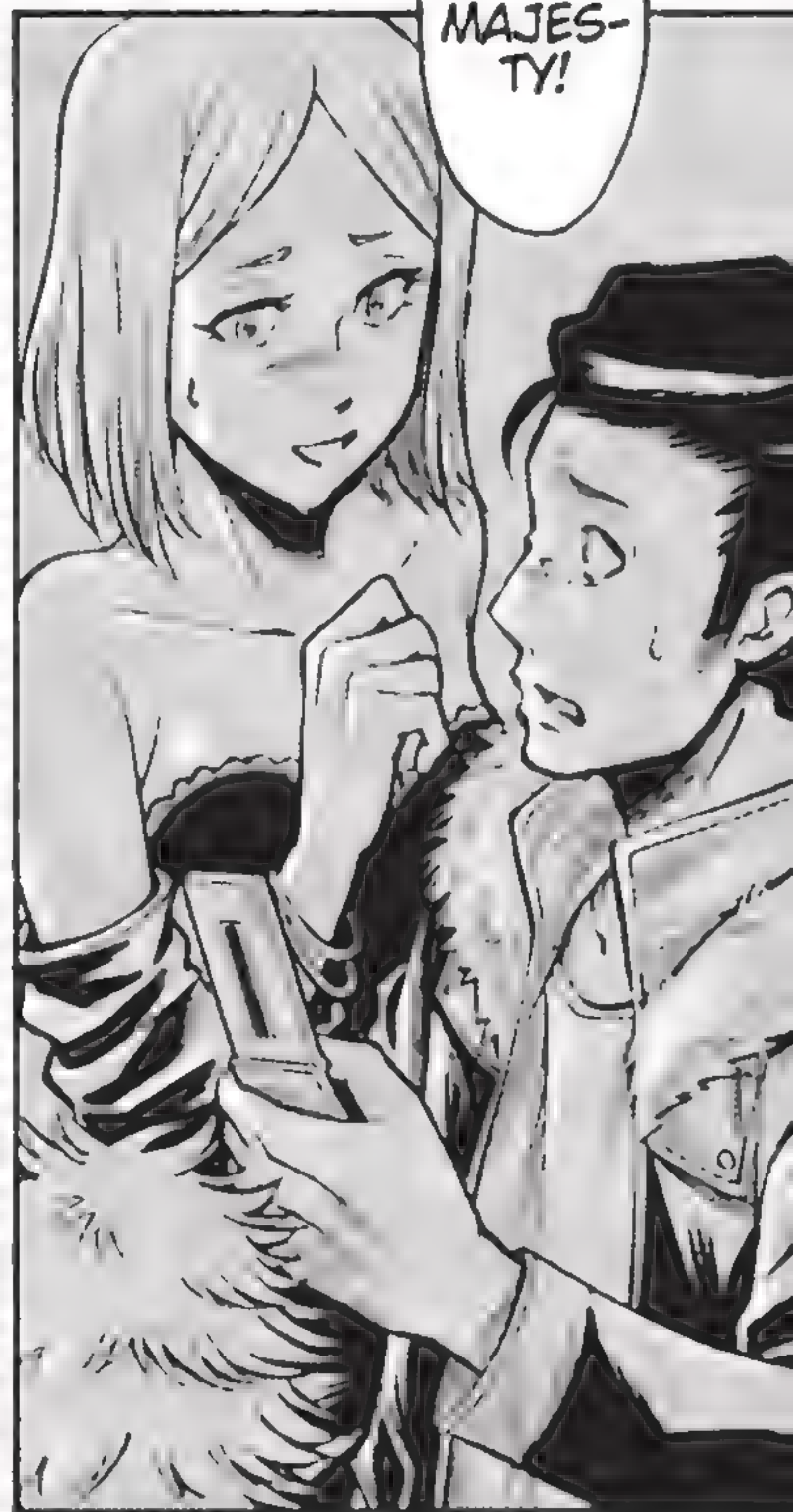
TO WHICH
OF THE TWO
PRINCESSES
WILL THEY
PLEDGE
THEIR
LOYALTY?



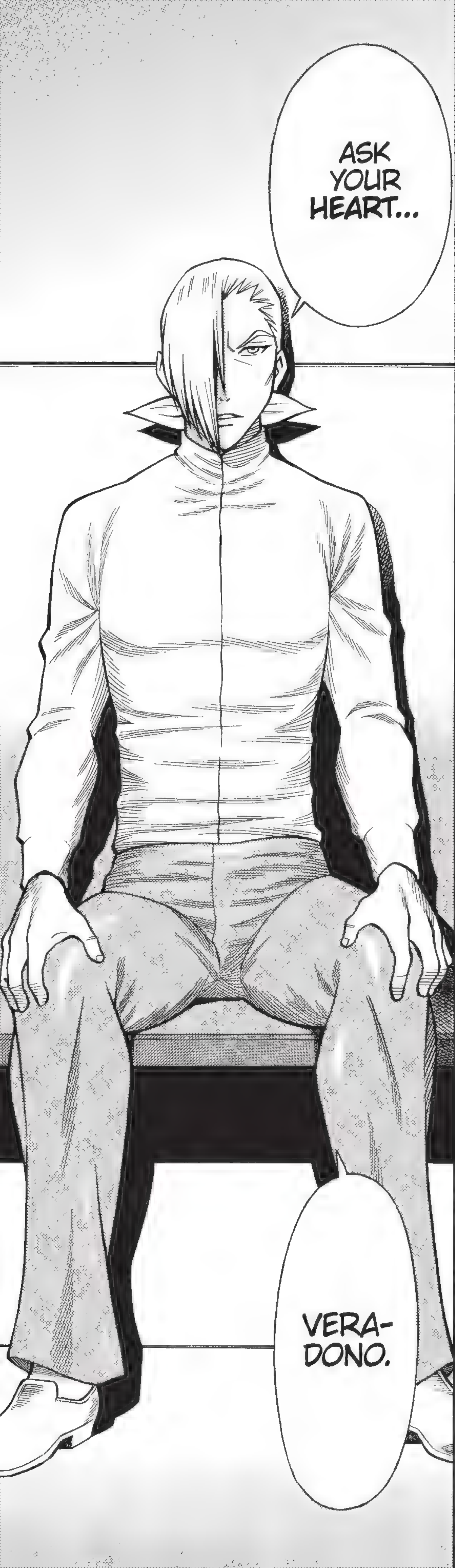
IT'S
HER
MAJES-
TY!



PRINCESS
MINA...

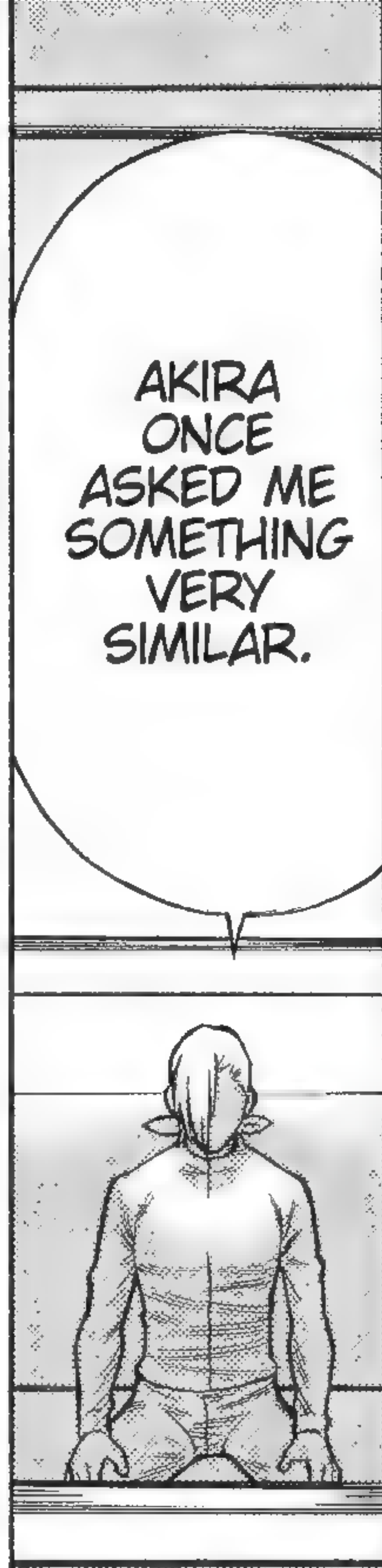


SHE'S
COME
BACK!



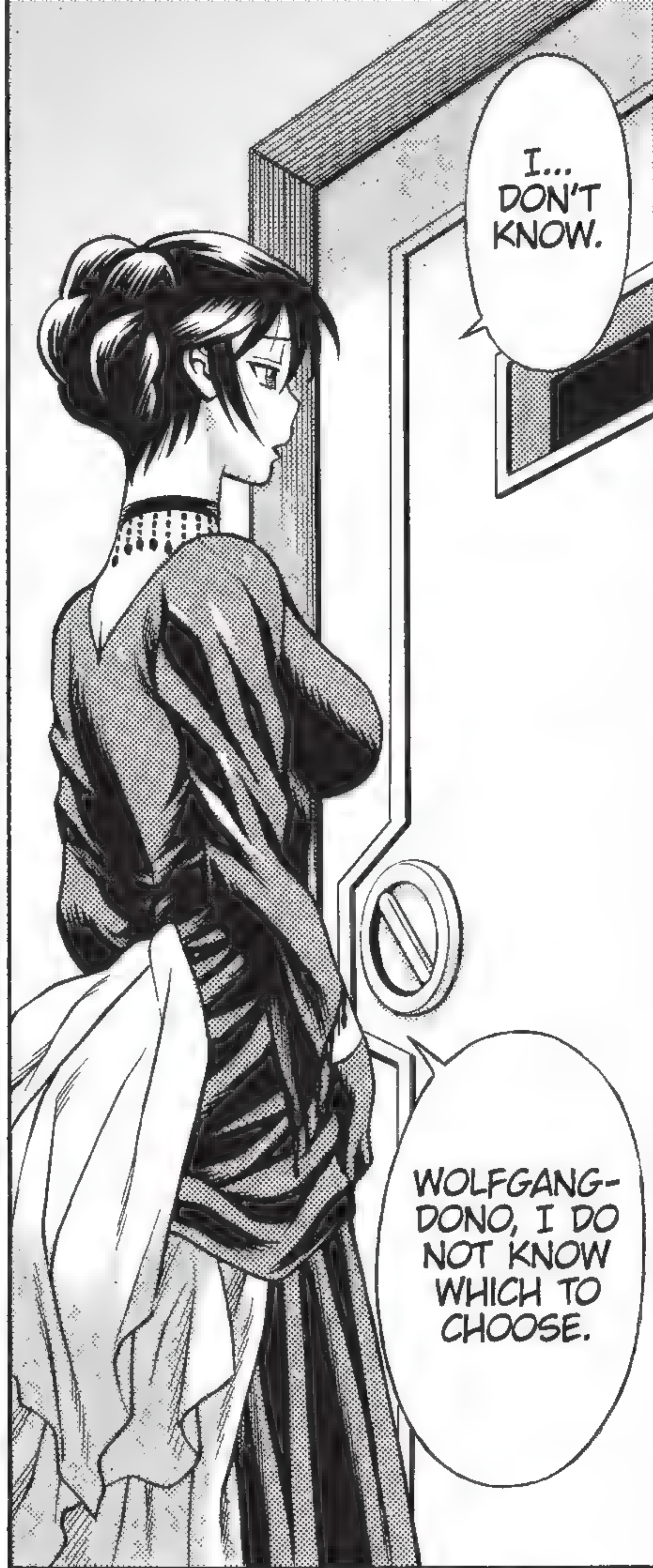
ASK
YOUR
HEART...

VERA-
DONO.



AKIRA
ONCE
ASKED ME
SOMETHING
VERY
SIMILAR.

ALLOW
ME TO
GIVE
YOU THE
SAME
ANSWER
THAT I
GAVE TO
HIM.



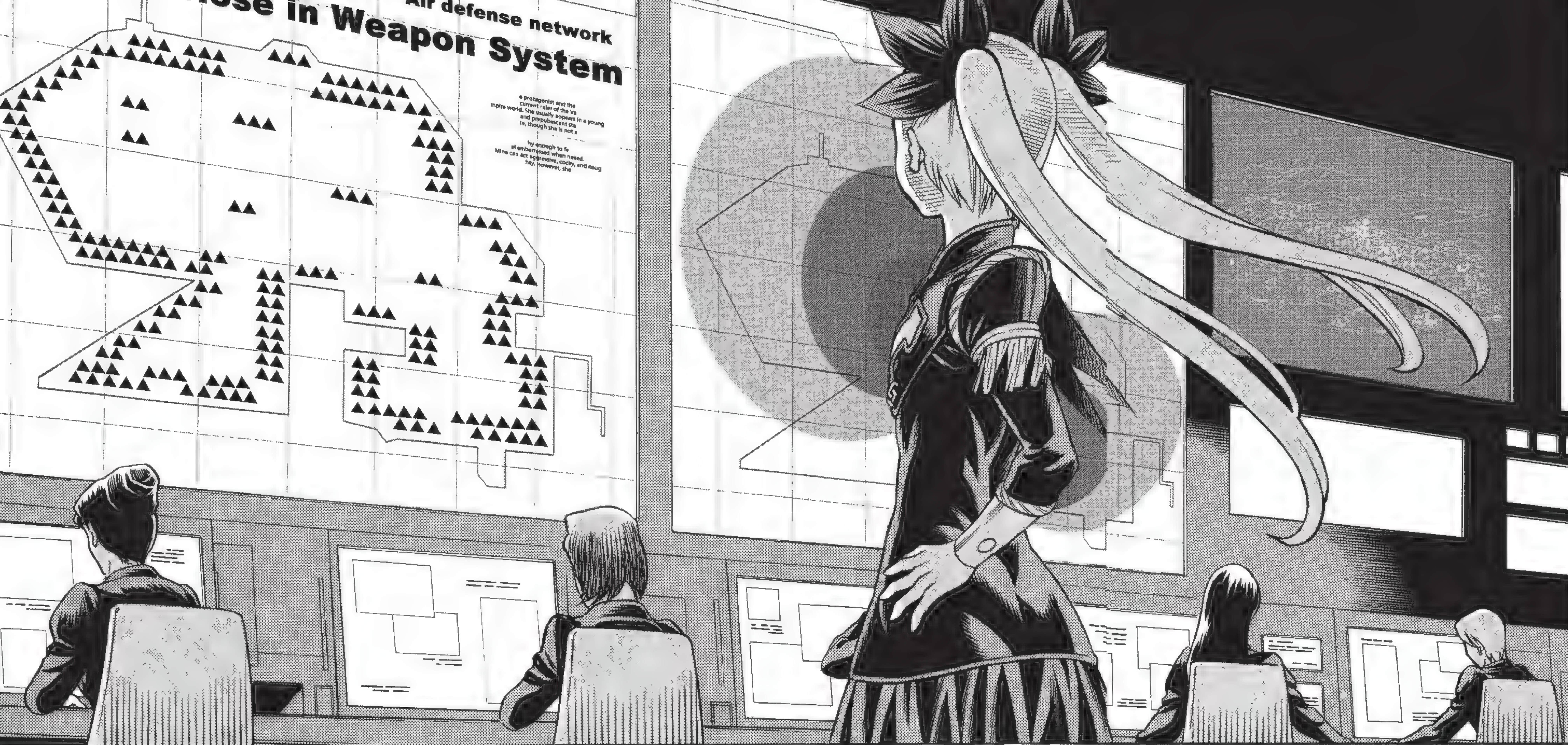
I...
DON'T
KNOW.

WOLFGANG-
DONO, I DO
NOT KNOW
WHICH TO
CHOOSE.



DE-
PLOR-
ABLE,
ISN'T
IT?

ME,
STRUCK
WITH SUCH
INDECISION.
HOW WILL
I BE ABLE
TO FACE
LUCREZIA-
SAMA IN THE
AFTERLIFE
NOW?



Air defense network
Use in Weapon System

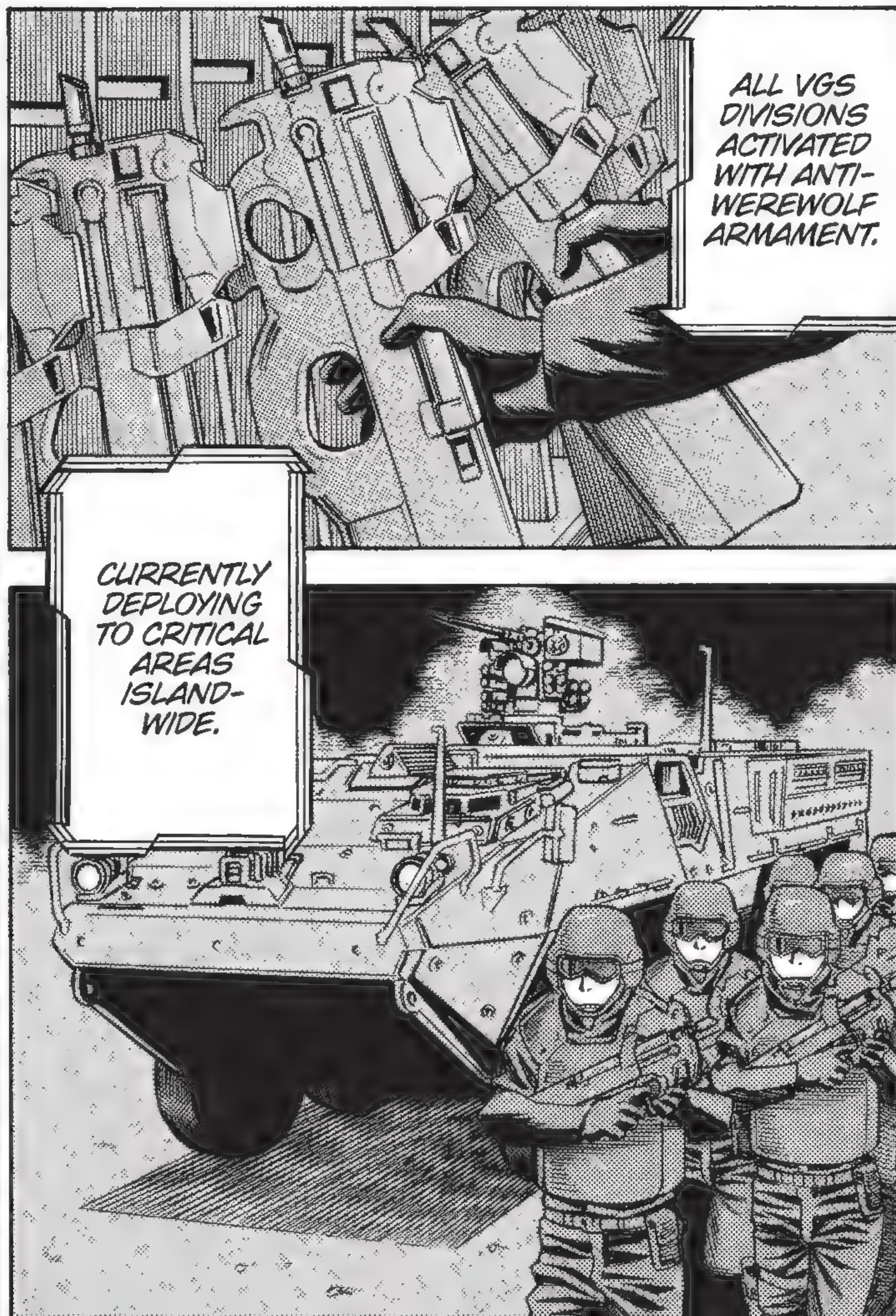
a protagonist and the
current ruler of the Va
and powerful states in a young
is, though she is not a
by enough to be
it embarrased when asked
Mina can an aggressive, cocky, and naug
try, however, she

ASK...



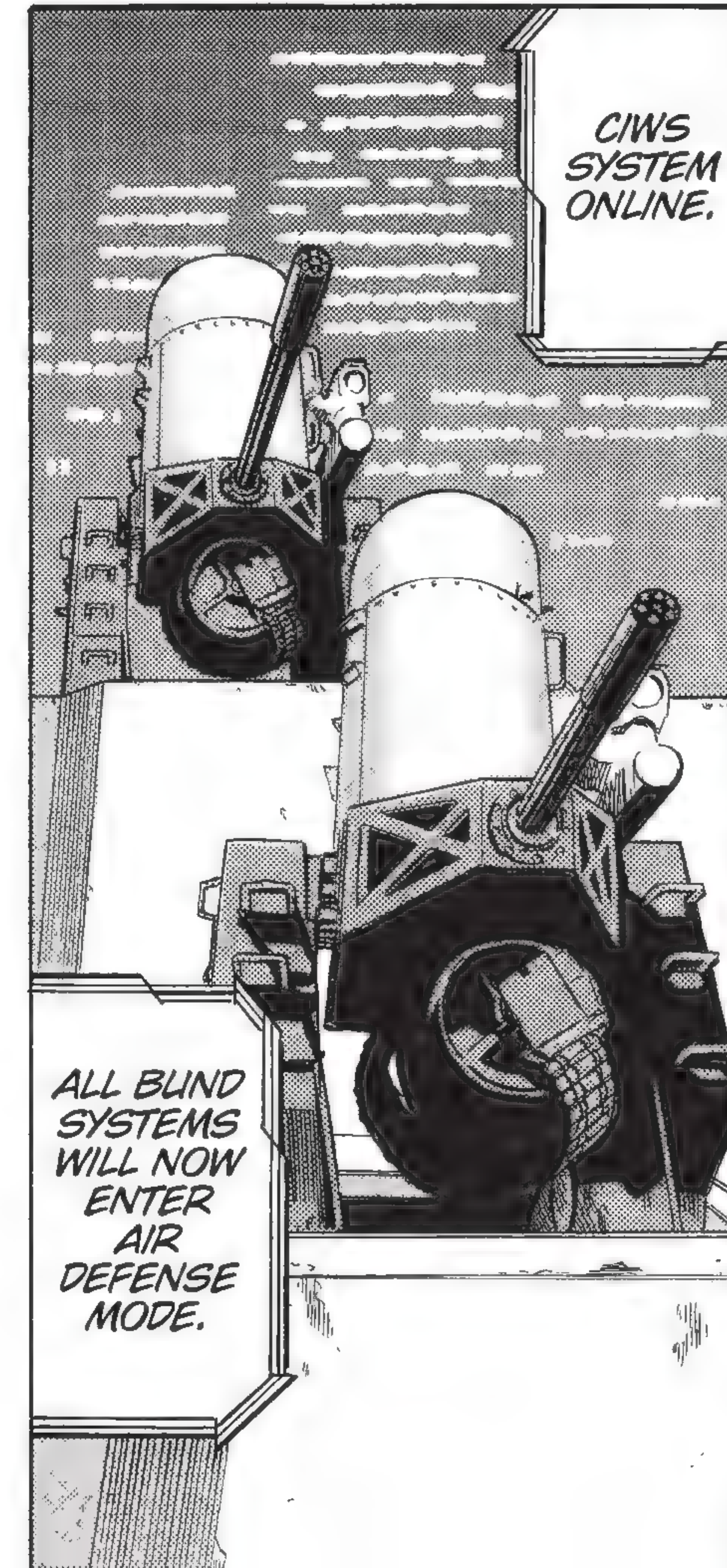
WELL,
MINA...

YOU FACE
NOW THE
FULL MIGHT
OF THE
IRON DEFENSE
THAT YOU
YOURSELF
WROUGHT.
WHERE
WILL YOU
ATTACK...?



ALL VGS
DIVISIONS
ACTIVATED
WITH ANTI-
WEREWOLF
ARMAMENT.

CURRENTLY
DEPLOYING
TO CRITICAL
AREAS
ISLAND-
WIDE.



CIWS
SYSTEM
ONLINE.

ALL BUND
SYSTEMS
WILL NOW
ENTER
AIR
DEFENSE
MODE.



MY
HEART?

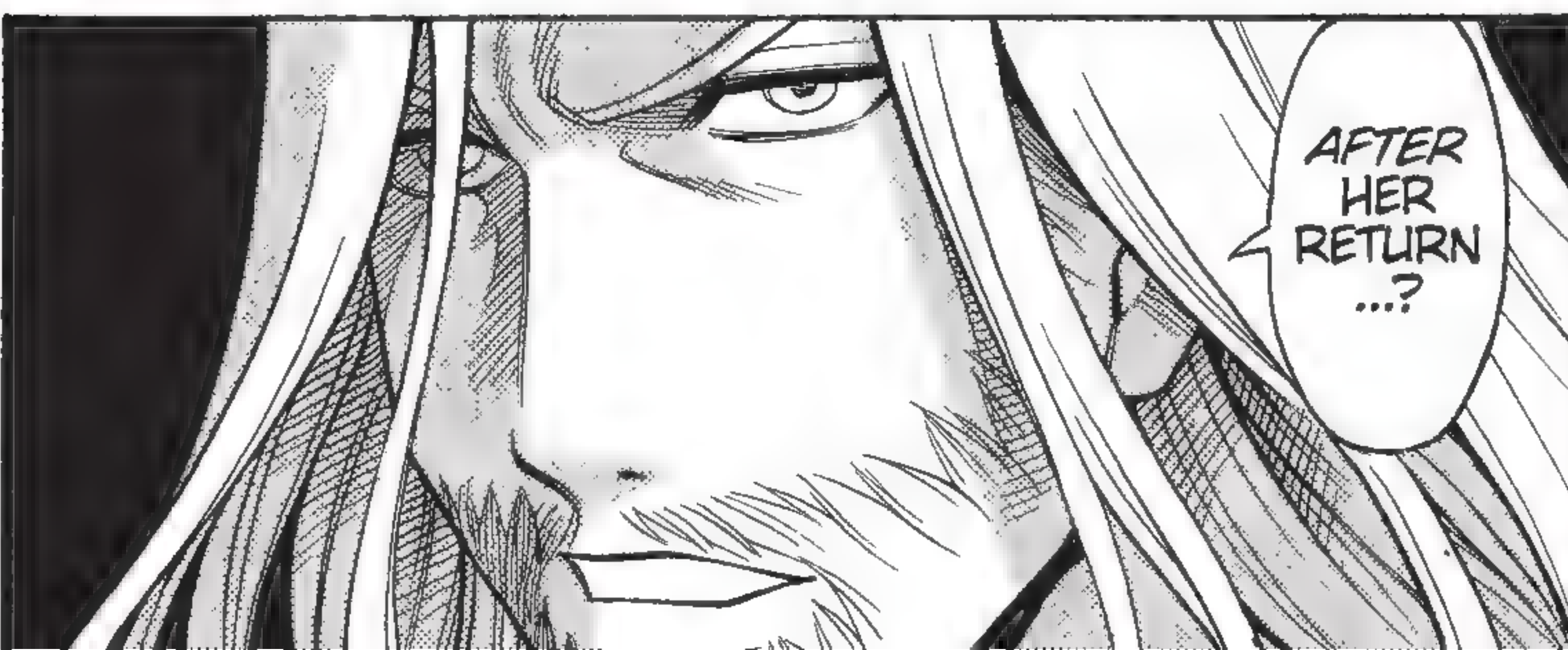
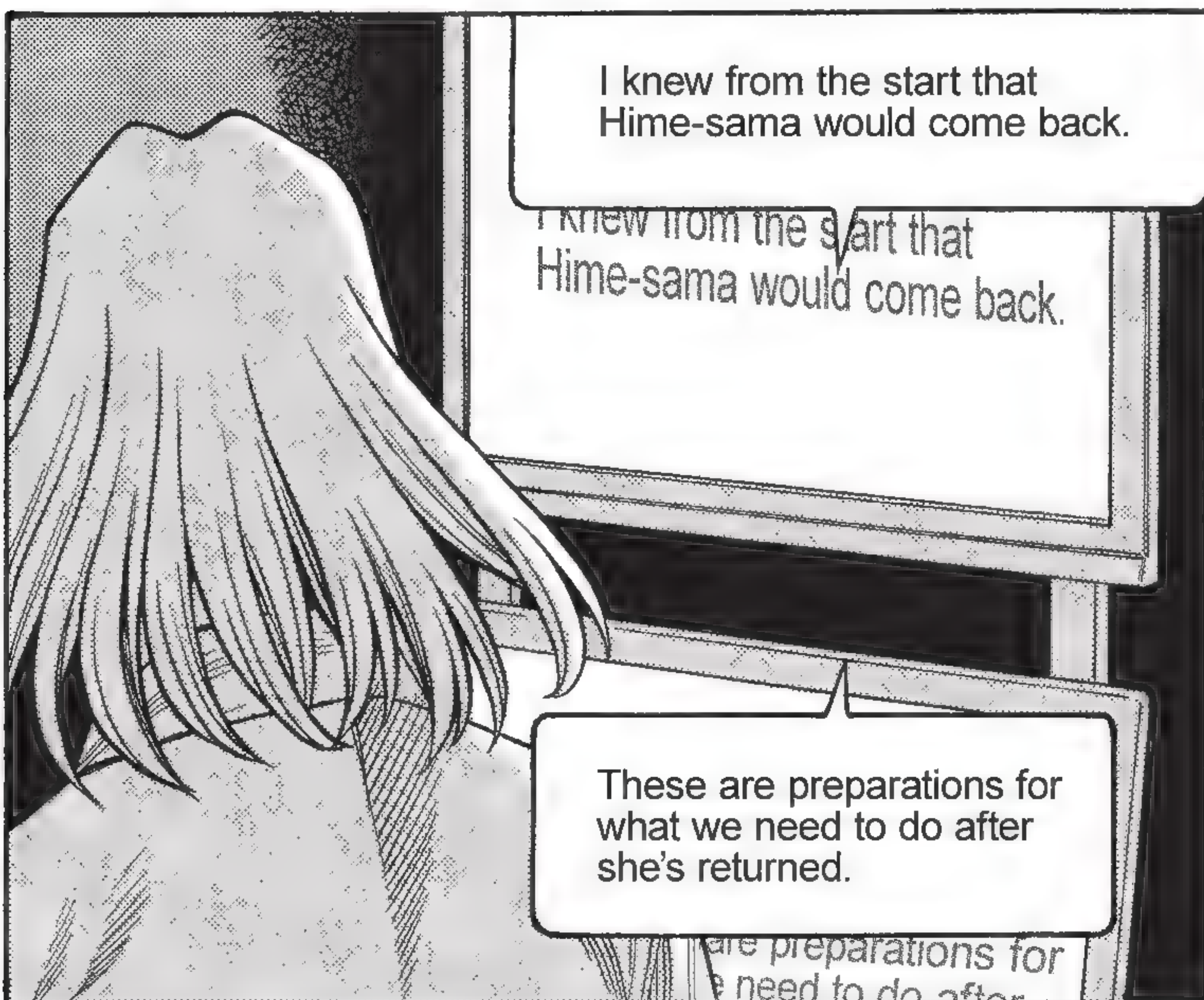
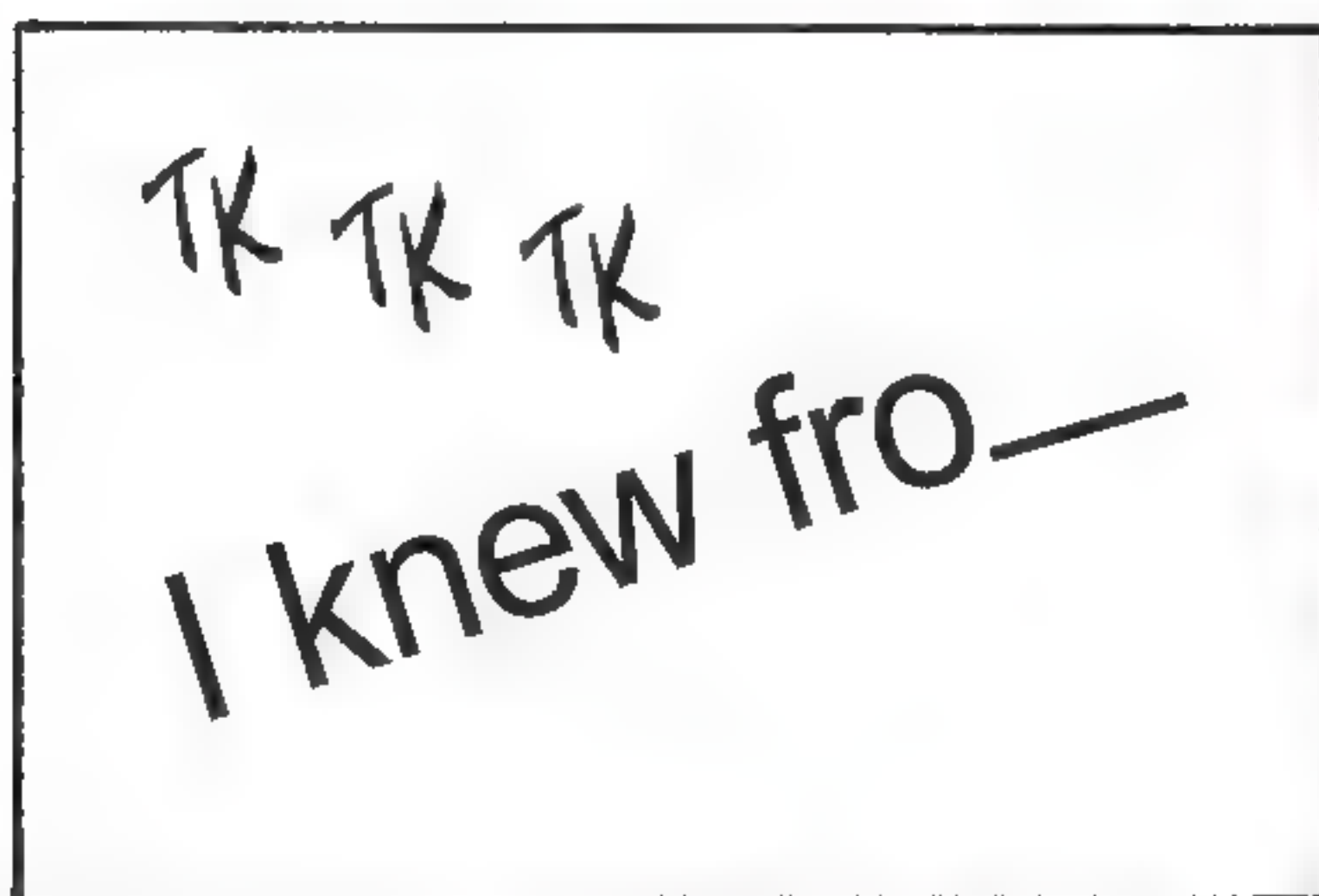
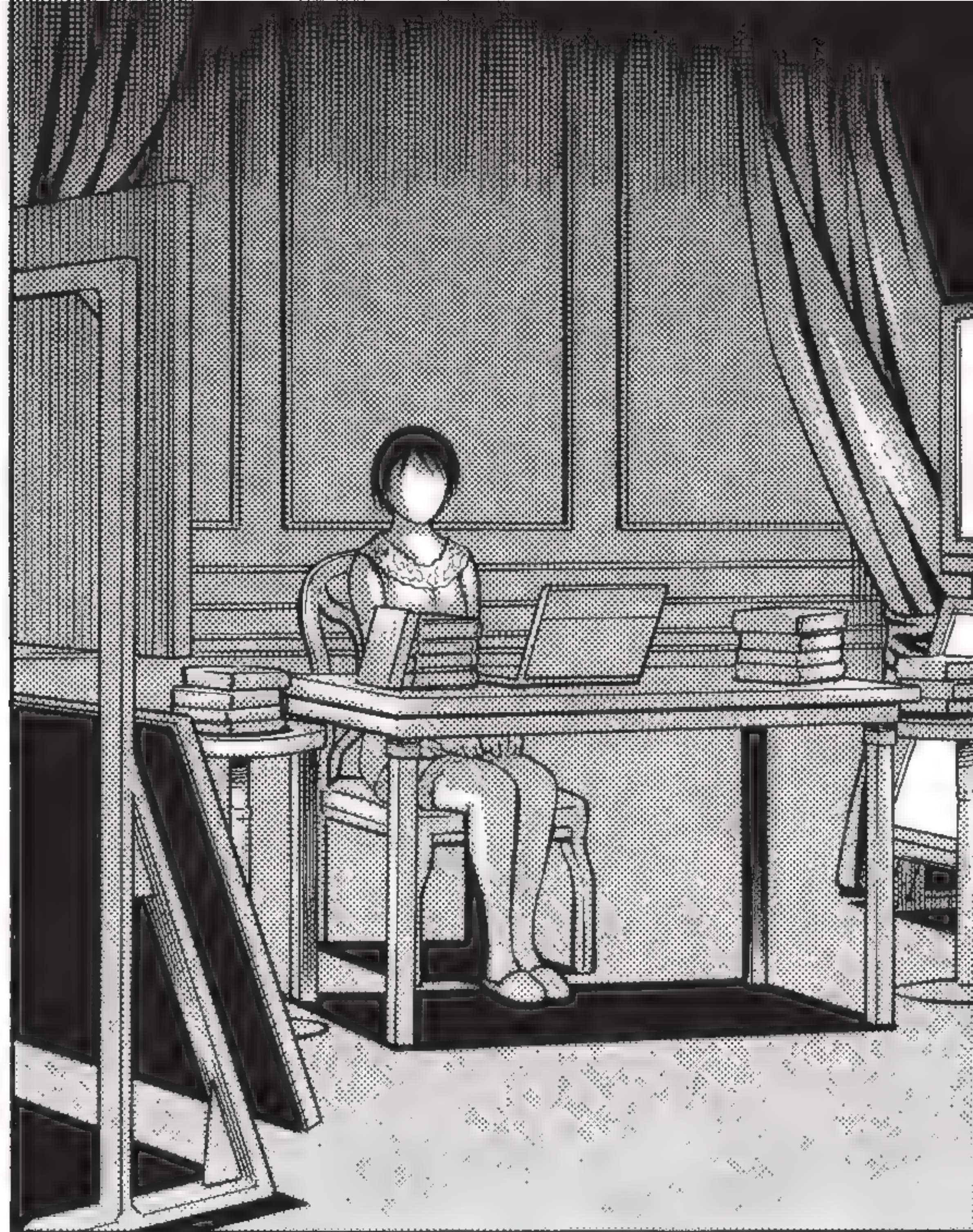


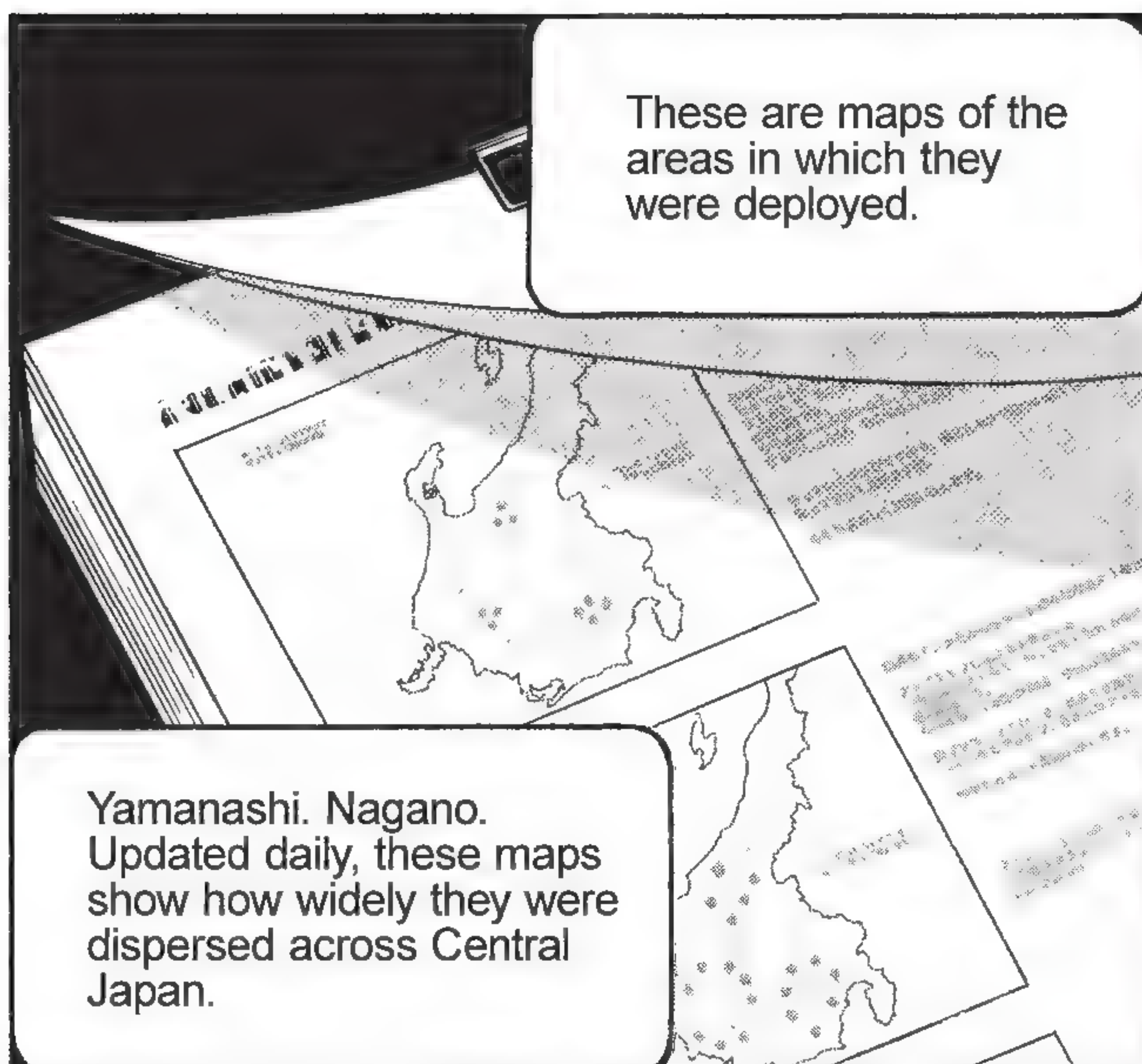
YOU WERE
HER
MAJESTY'S
MOTHER,
HER
SISTER,
AND HER
FRIEND.

I AM SURE
THAT YOU
CAN EASILY
REMEMBER
THE FEELING
OF HER
MAJESTY'S
WARMTH
IN YOUR
ARMS.



YOUR HEART
KNOWS
WHICH OF
THE TWO
YOU TRULY
WISH TO
HOLD CLOSE,
VERA-DONO.
ASK IT.



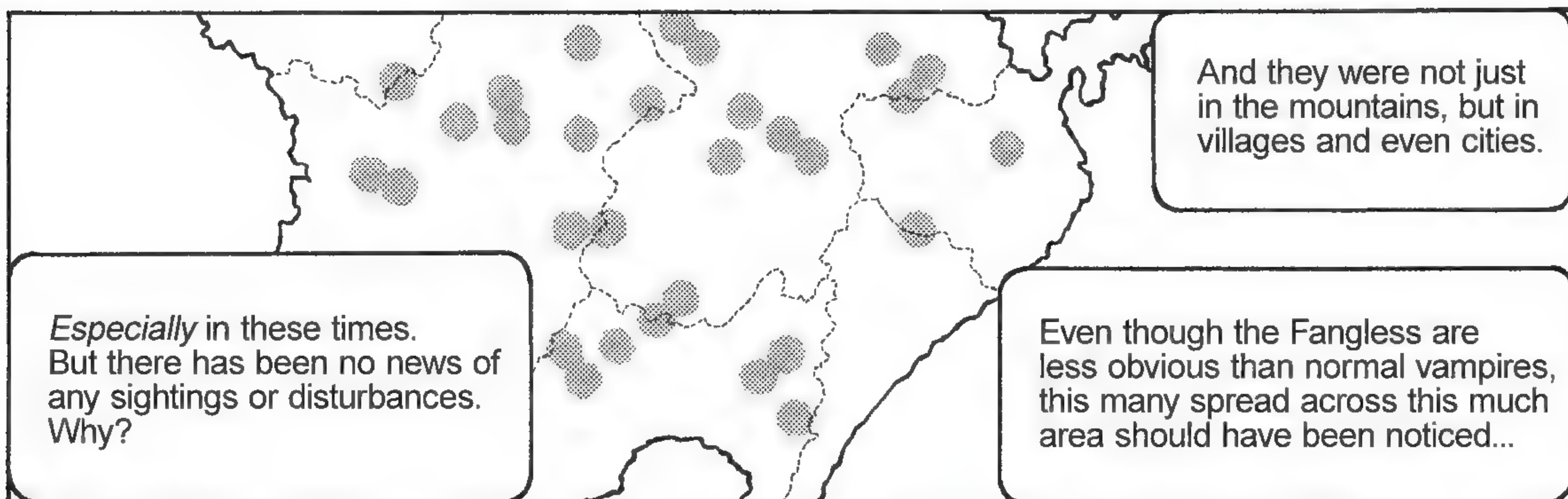


These are maps of the areas in which they were deployed.

Yamanashi. Nagano. Updated daily, these maps show how widely they were dispersed across Central Japan.



Yes. The day after Akira-kun escaped, approximately 3,000 Fangless were led from the Bund, only to vanish.



And they were not just in the mountains, but in villages and even cities.

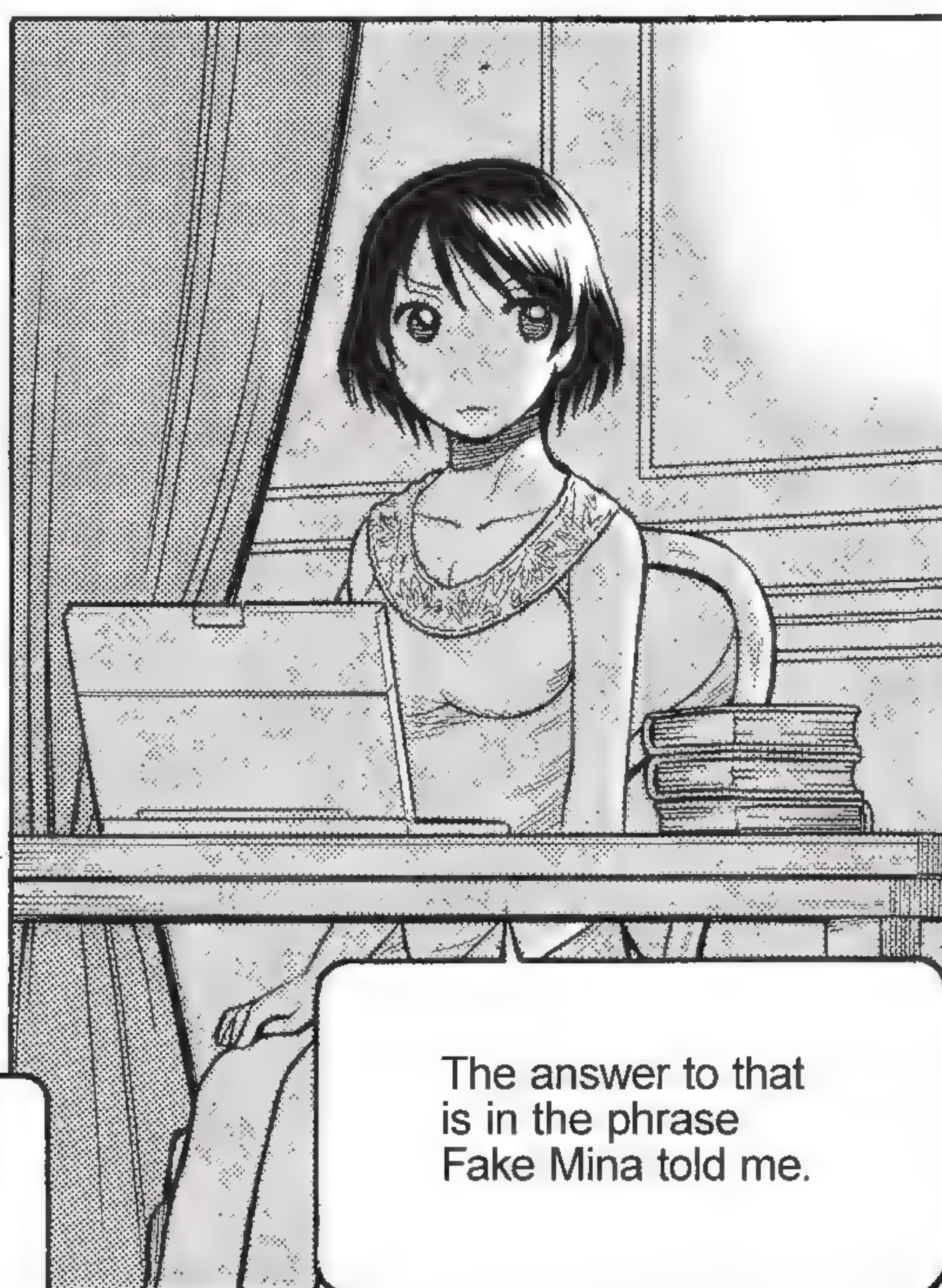
Especially in these times. But there has been no news of any sightings or disturbances. Why?

Even though the Fangless are less obvious than normal vampires, this many spread across this much area should have been noticed...



"Though they must part, he who wanders and he who remains, the journey need not be rushed."

That is a line from the "Suwa Engi," a legend in the **Shintoshu**, which was compiled in the mid-fourteenth century.



The answer to that is in the phrase Fake Mina told me.

Yes, it is just a myth. Believed to have sprung from the Chinese story of the undersea palace of a dragon, it's considered the origin of the dragon god worshipped at the Suwa Grand Shrine.

THAT IS A SHINTO MYTH.

WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

But there are several things about it that struck me as odd.

An underground world, like our own.

Immortality.

A man transformed into a dragon.

What does this remind you of?

DEEP INSIDE THE CAVE, HE DISCOVERED A WORLD NOT UNLIKE THAT OF THE OUTSIDE.

LONG AGO, KOGAISABURO, STEWARD OF TATESHINA, HAD REASON TO ENTER A CAVE HIDDEN IN THE MOUNTAIN WILDS OF MT. FUJI.

AT THE END OF HIS JOURNEY, HE FINALLY RETURNED TO THE SURFACE WORLD...

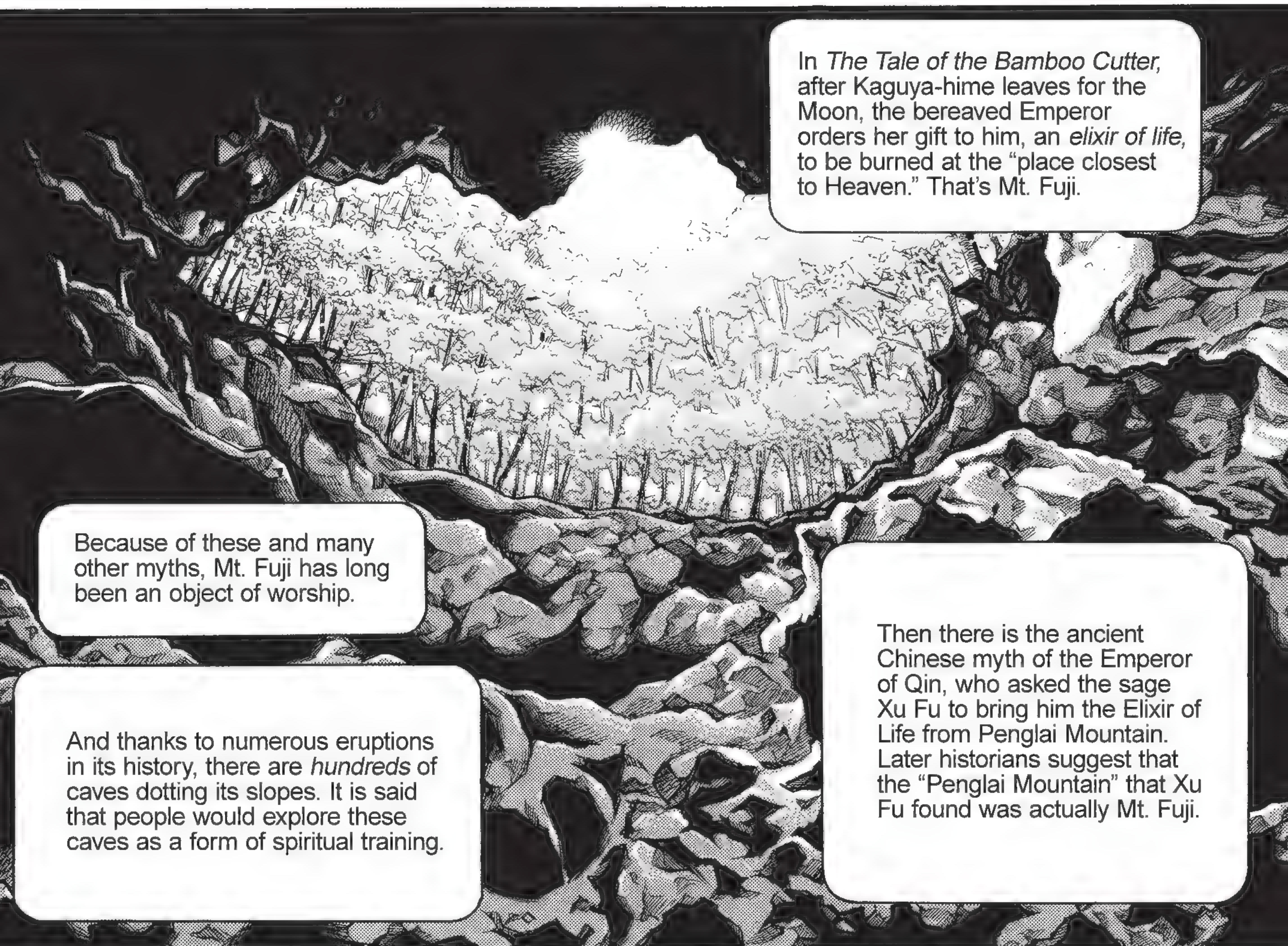
KNOWING NEITHER AGE NOR EXHAUSTION, KOGAISABURO TRAVELED THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE SEVENTY UNDERGROUND KINGDOMS.

ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT HIS BODY HAD TRANSFORMED INTO THAT OF A GIANT SERPENT.



Central Japan has dozens, if not *hundreds* of myths involving immortality.

Then there is Mt. Fuji itself.



In *The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter*, after Kaguya-hime leaves for the Moon, the bereaved Emperor orders her gift to him, an *elixir of life*, to be burned at the “place closest to Heaven.” That’s Mt. Fuji.

Because of these and many other myths, Mt. Fuji has long been an object of worship.

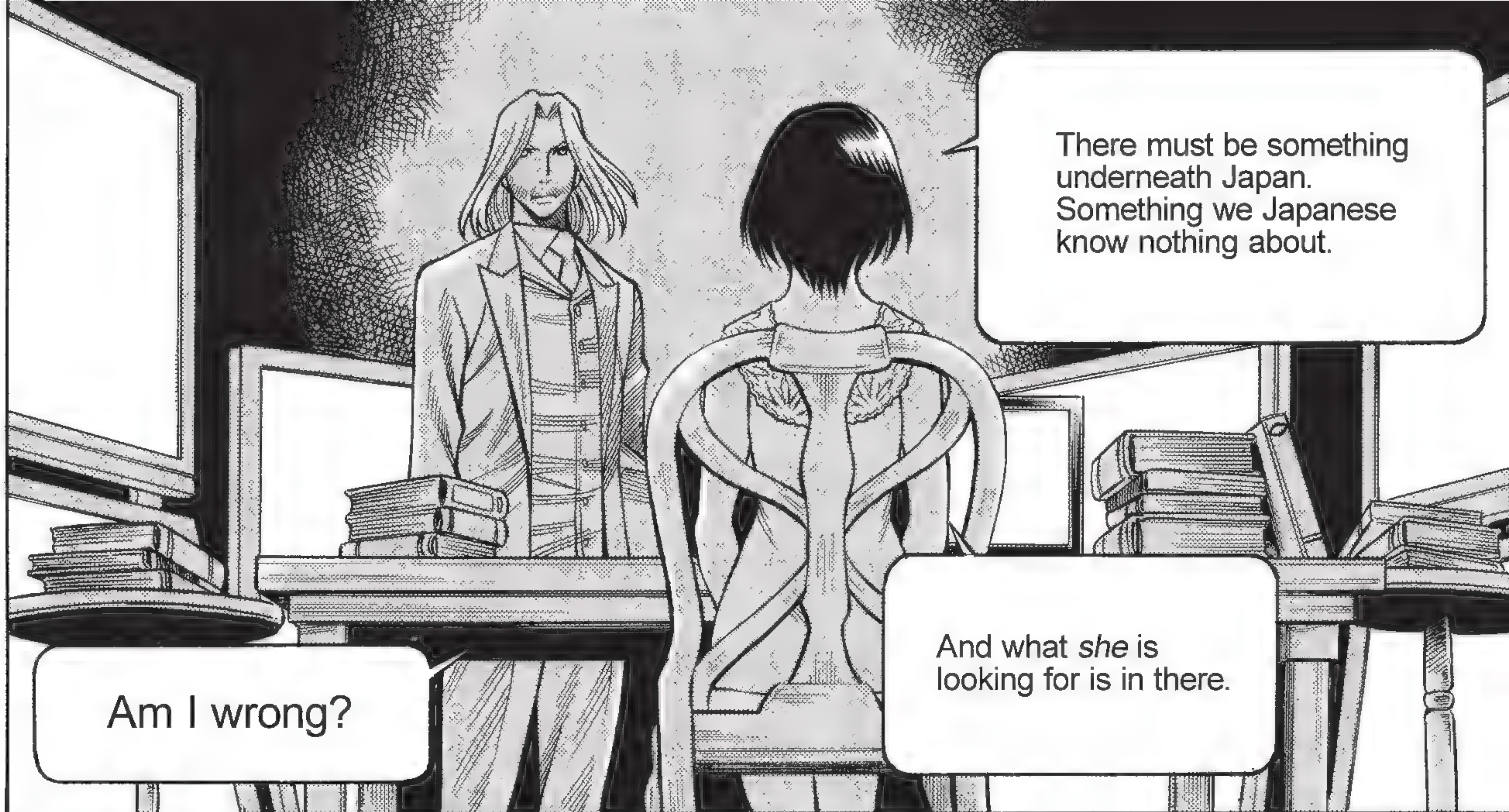
And thanks to numerous eruptions in its history, there are *hundreds* of caves dotting its slopes. It is said that people would explore these caves as a form of spiritual training.

Then there is the ancient Chinese myth of the Emperor of Qin, who asked the sage Xu Fu to bring him the Elixir of Life from Penglai Mountain. Later historians suggest that the “Penglai Mountain” that Xu Fu found was actually Mt. Fuji.



Taken as a whole...

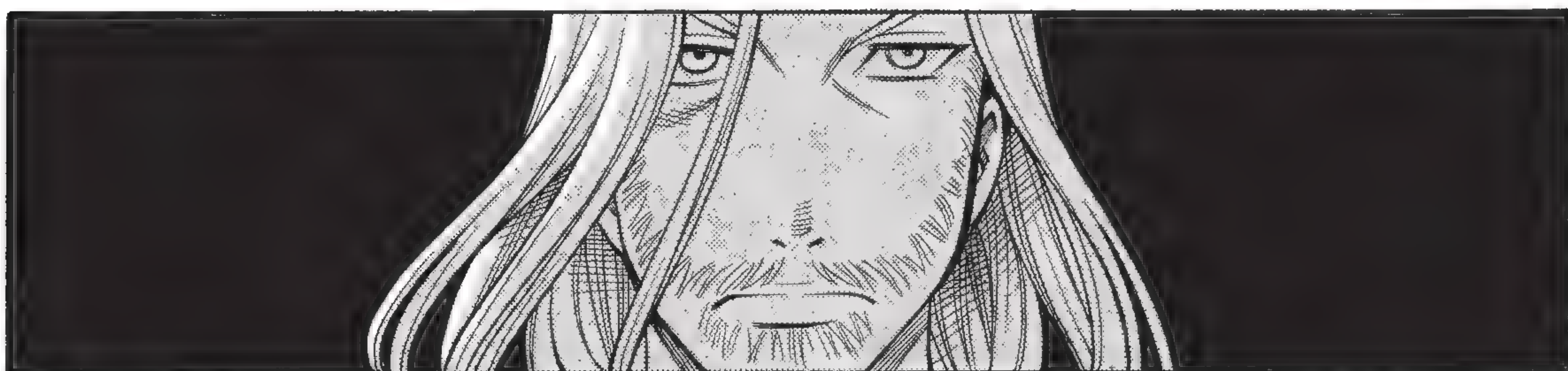
these stories seem to point at a wide belief that something under Mt. Fuji will give people immortality!



Am I wrong?

There must be something underneath Japan. Something we Japanese know nothing about.

And what *she* is looking for is in there.



I wouldn't have found anything if some mysterious benefactor hadn't given these reports to me.



I didn't "arrive" at anything. I just connected the dots hidden inside of them.

Besides...



YOU ARRIVED AT THAT CONCLUSION AFTER LOOKING AT JUST THESE FEW REPORTS?



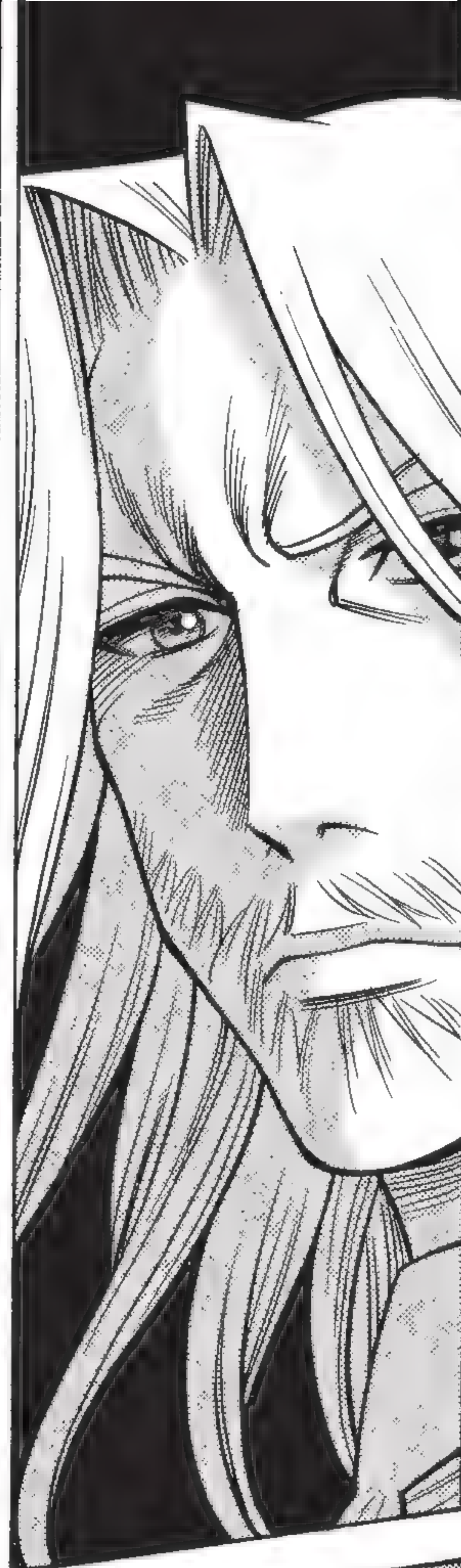
BUT
THAT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO...

ALMOST
TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS,
TO BE
EXACT.



HUH.
NO
DOUBT
AT ALL,
EH?
YOUR
EYES
HOLD
NONE.

YOU BELIEVE
ABSOLUTELY
THAT HIME-
SAMA WILL
RETURN,
AND ALL
YOU HAVE
TO DO IS
WAIT FOR
HER.



LOOKING
AT YOU HAS
REMINDED
ME THAT
ONCE, I TOO
WAS AS
DOUBTLESS
AS YOU.

I
SHOULD
THANK
YOU, I
GUESS.



MINA-HIME
FELL INTO
ROZENMANN'S
CLUTCHES, BUT
A DESPERATE
ATTACK BY
VERA AND
BEOWULF SOON
FREED HER.

HOWEVER,
HER MAJESTY
WAS SEPARATED
FROM HER
RESCUERS
DURING THE
FIGHTING. WHEN
THE DUST
SETTLED, NO SIGN
OF HER COULD
BE FOUND
ANYWHERE.

AND THAT'S
WHEN FAKE
MINA SAID
THE SWITCH
HAPPENED.

SHE
INSISTS SHE
REMAINED A
PRISONER,
WHILE HIME-
SAMA WAS
THE ONE
WHO WAS
EVENTUALLY
FOUND.

ON
THAT
DAY...

I CEASED
TO BE A
NAÏVE
YOUNG
BOY.

BUT ONE YEAR OF SEARCHING BECAME TWO, BECAME FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN. TIME FLEW BY, TAUNTING US WITH ITS PASSAGE, AS HOPE TURNED INTO A DESPAIR THAT GNAWED AT OUR HEARTS.

MY FATHER AND I SEARCHED FOR HER MAJESTY EVERYWHERE, OUR NOSES TO THE DIRT, ALMOST LIKE DOGS.

THE PROMISE HER MAJESTY MADE WITH ME ON A WHIM.

ONLY ONE THING KEPT ME FROM BREAKING COMPLETELY.

"IT WILL BE OUR PROMISE, THEN."


AT THE TIME, SHE WAS IN THE CARE OF AN OLD WOMAN, LIVING DEEP IN THE FORESTS OF NORTHERN FRANCE.

HER MAJESTY WAS BEING HIDDEN BY BENEVOLENT HUMANS, MOVING FROM ONE HOME TO THE NEXT, ATTEMPTING TO AVOID ANY RISK OF CAPTURE.

ONE OF MY FATHER'S AGENTS HAD INFILTRATED ROZENMANN'S CLAN AS A SPY, AND HE GAVE HIS LIFE BRINGING US THE NEWS.

THEN ONE DAY, WE RECEIVED NEWS OF HER MAJESTY'S WHEREABOUTS FROM AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE.

YOU SEE, ROZENMANN WAS TURNING EUROPE INSIDE OUT AS WELL, LOOKING FOR HER MAJESTY. IT SEEMS HE HAD MORE LUCK.



THEY DROVE
THEMSELVES
HARD, TRYING
TO REACH AND
PROTECT
HER MAJESTY
BEFORE
ROZENMANN'S
FORCES
ARRIVED.

MY FATHER
AND BEOWULF--
THE STALWART
FIVE LORDS OF
THE EARTH
SENATE THEM-
SELVES--LEAPT
AT THE CHANCE
TO FIND HER
MAJESTY.



BY THAT TIME,
TWENTY YEARS
HAD ELAPSED
SINCE THE
ORIGINAL
ATTACK.



GO!
FIND
HER
MAJES-
TY, AND
PROTECT
HER!!

AL-
PHONSE,
LEAVE
THIS TO
ME!



BUT,
FATHER
--!!



THIS IS
HOW THE
LORDS OF
BORGIANI
DIE!!

ENGRAVE
THIS
SIGHT
UPON
YOUR
SOUL,
MY SON!



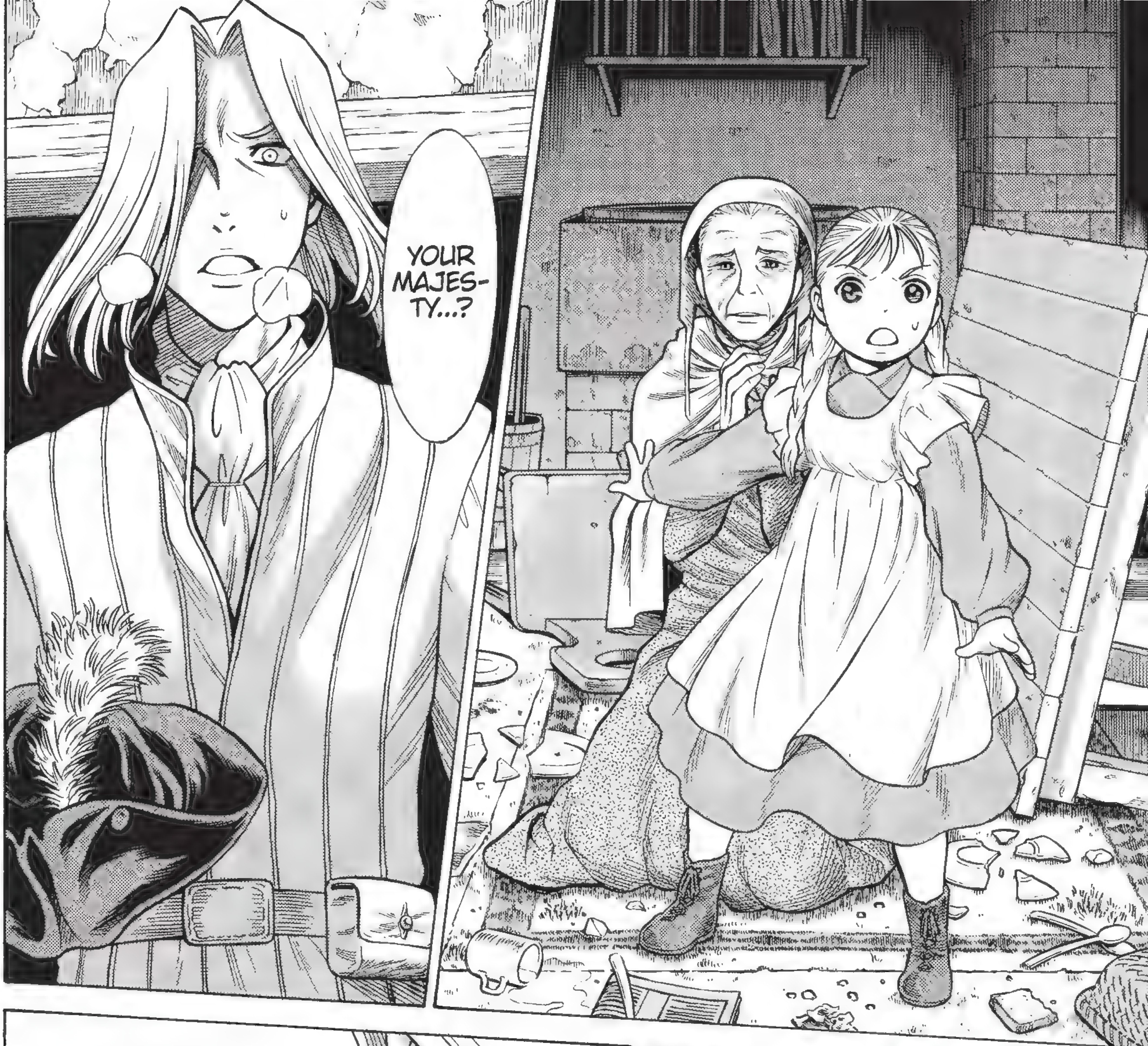
YOUR
MAJES-
TY!



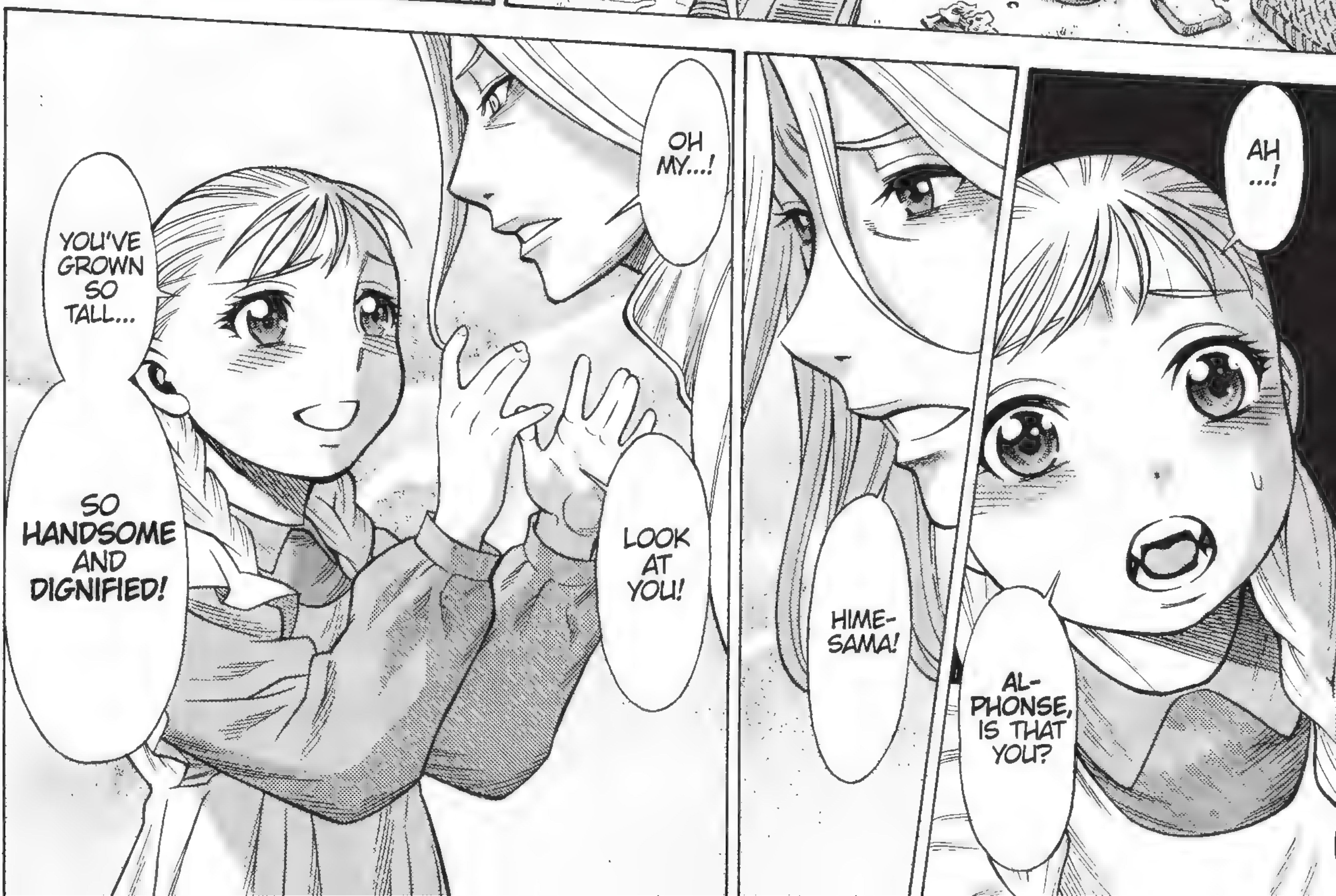
DAMN
IT!



FATHER!!



YOUR MAJES-
TY...?



OH
MY...!

AH
...!

SO
HANDSOME
AND
DIGNIFIED!

YOU'VE
GROWN
SO
TALL...

LOOK
AT
YOU!

HIME-
SAMA!

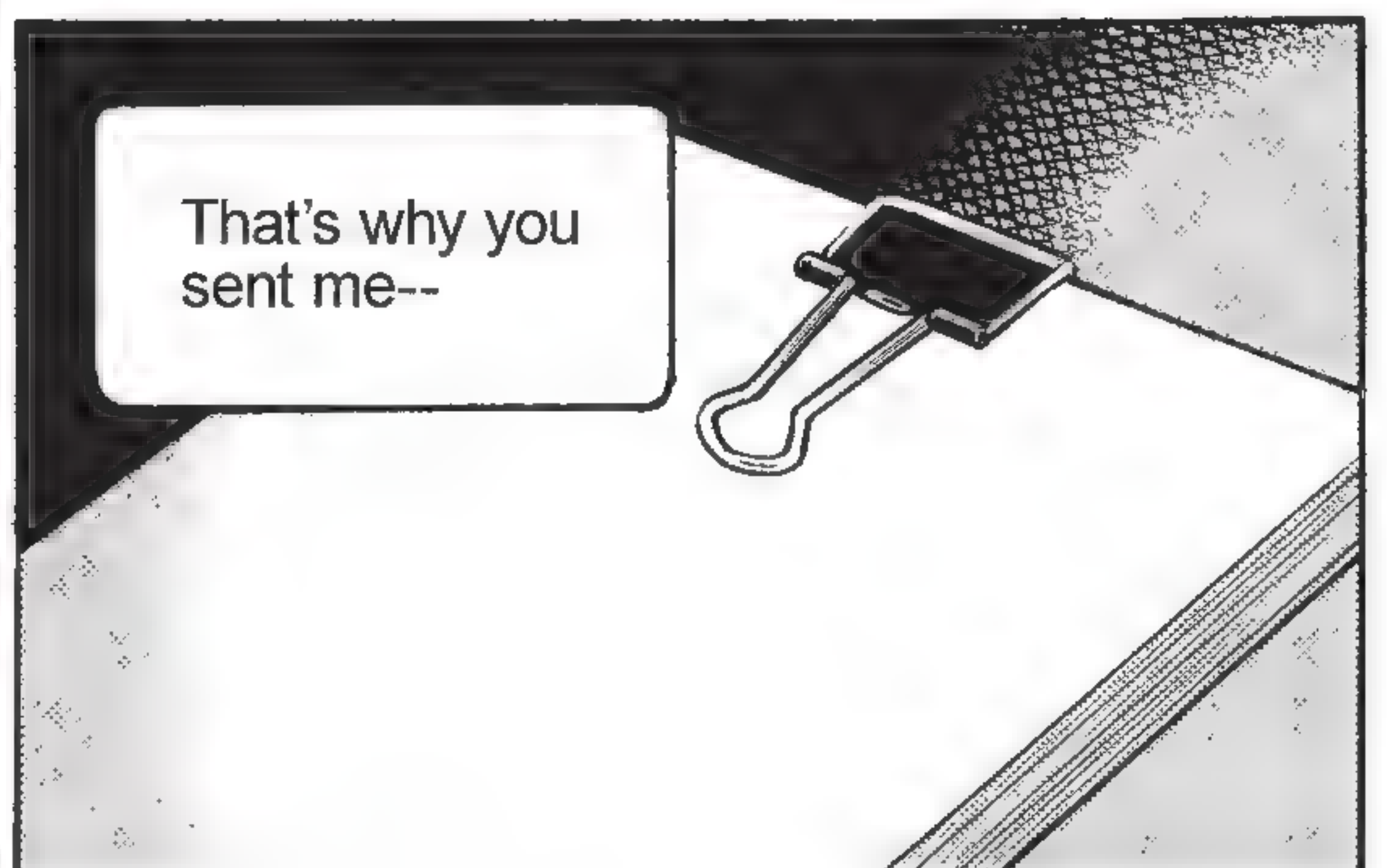
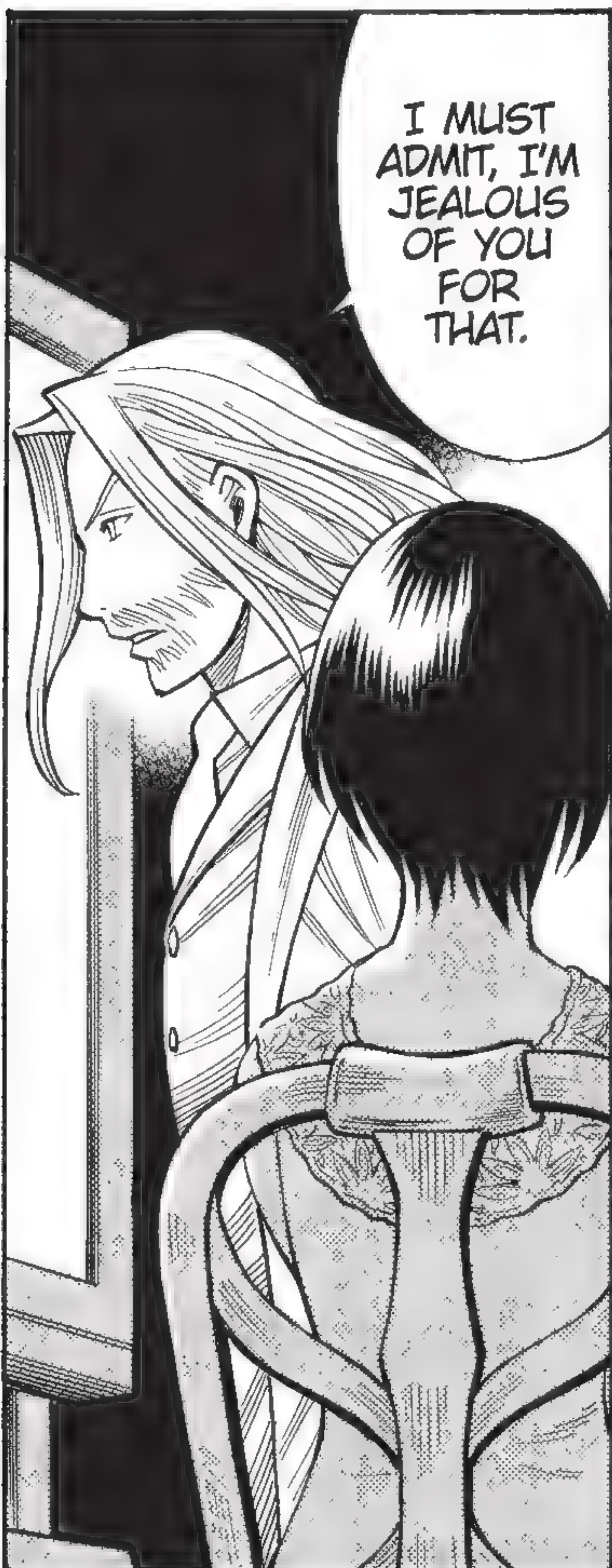
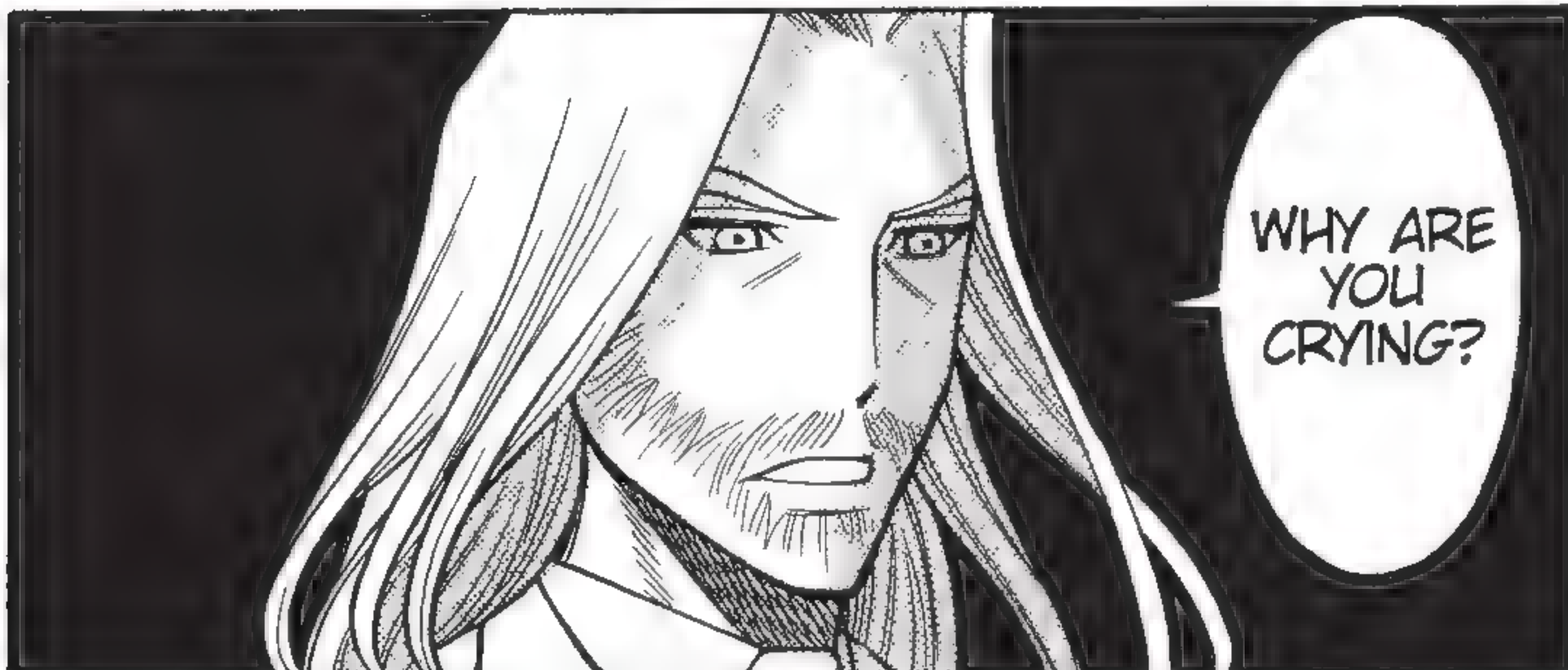
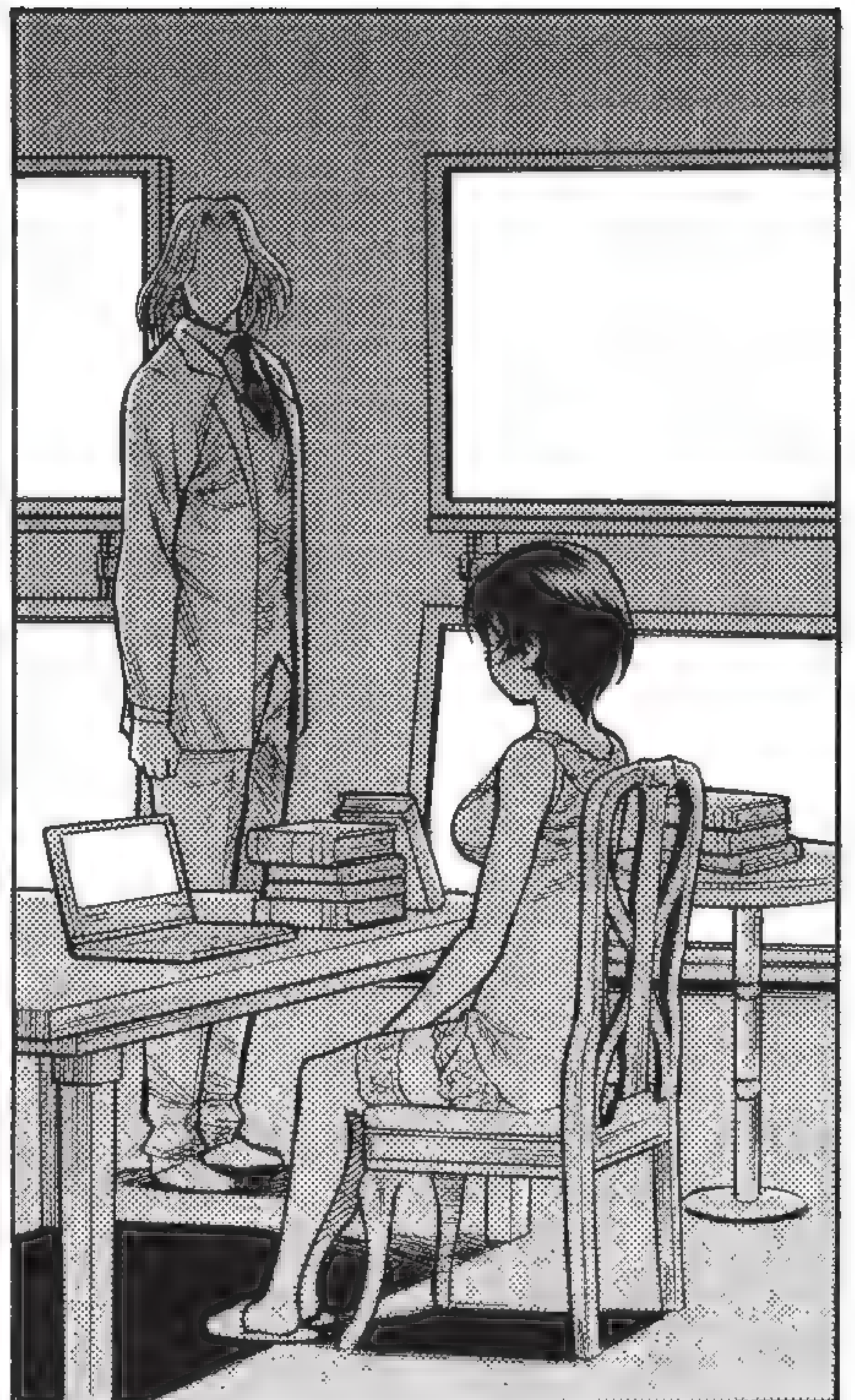
AL-
PHONSE,
IS THAT
YOU?



LEAVE
THIS
TO
ME!

I WILL
PROTECT
YOU,
EVEN
IF IT
MEANS
MY
LIFE!!

HIME-
SAMA,
STEP
BACK!



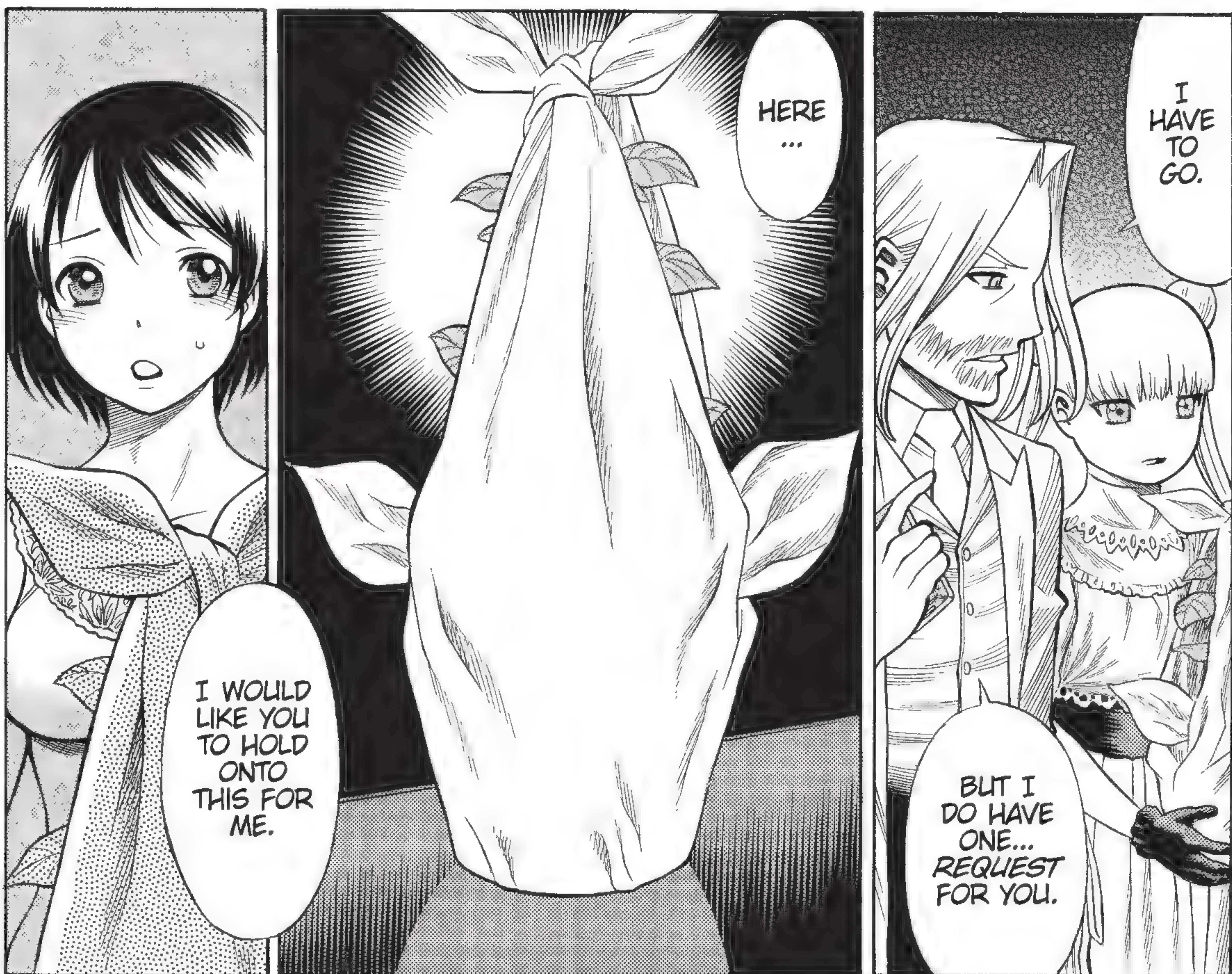




IT WON'T
BE LONG
BEFORE
THE FIGHT
BECOMES
SERIOUS.
I NEED
YOU IN
THE CIC.
NOW.

A SKIRMISH
HAS JUST
BROKEN OUT
BETWEEN
THEM AND
THE VGS I
STATIONED
AT THE
TUNNEL'S
GATE.

BEOWULF
HAS
ALREADY
STORMED
THE
TUNNEL
FROM THE
MAINLAND.

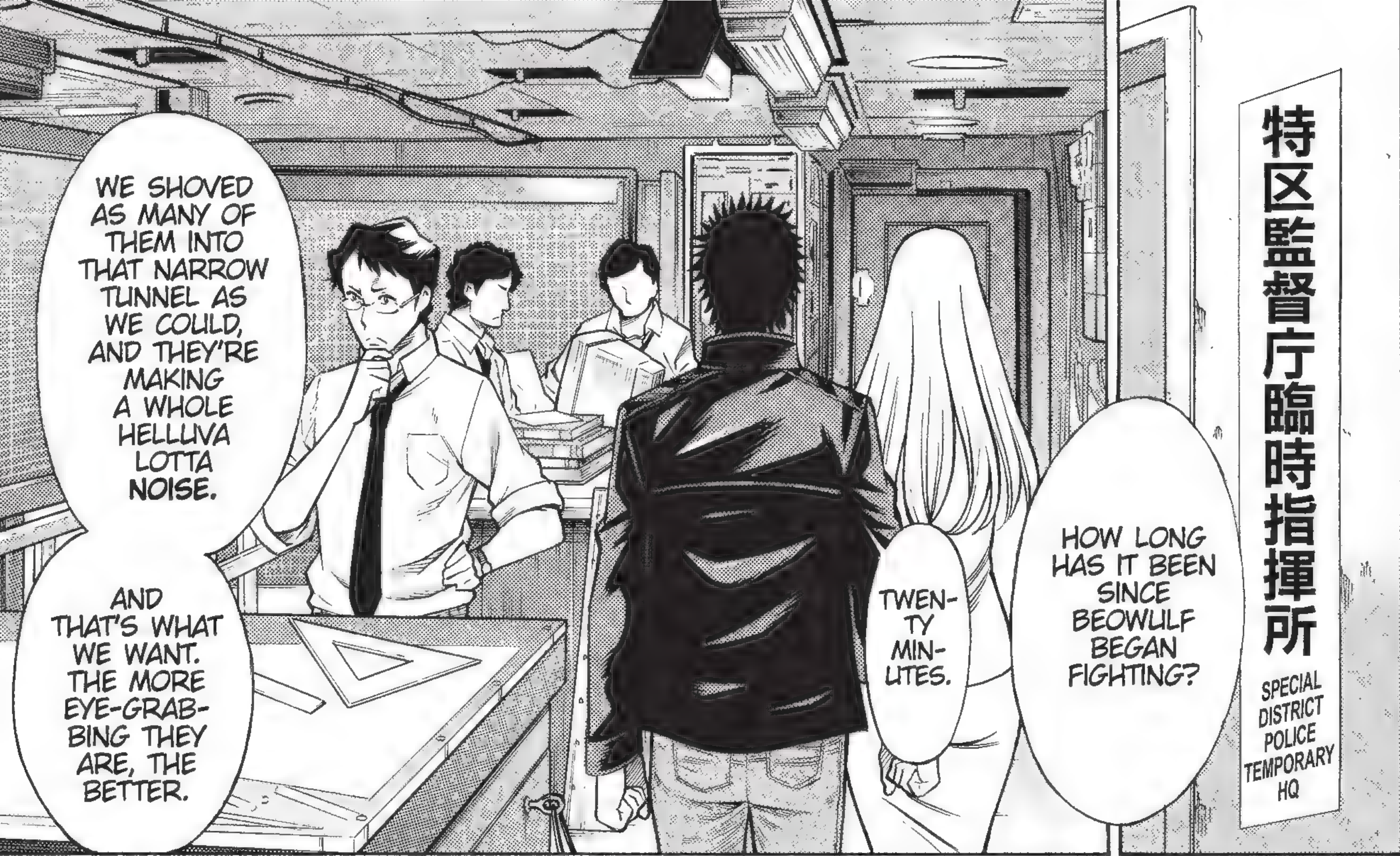


I WOULD
LIKE YOU
TO HOLD
ONTO
THIS FOR
ME.

HERE
...

I
HAVE
TO
GO.

BUT I
DO HAVE
ONE...
REQUEST
FOR YOU.



WE SHOVED AS MANY OF THEM INTO THAT NARROW TUNNEL AS WE COULD, AND THEY'RE MAKING A WHOLE HELLUVA LOTTA NOISE.

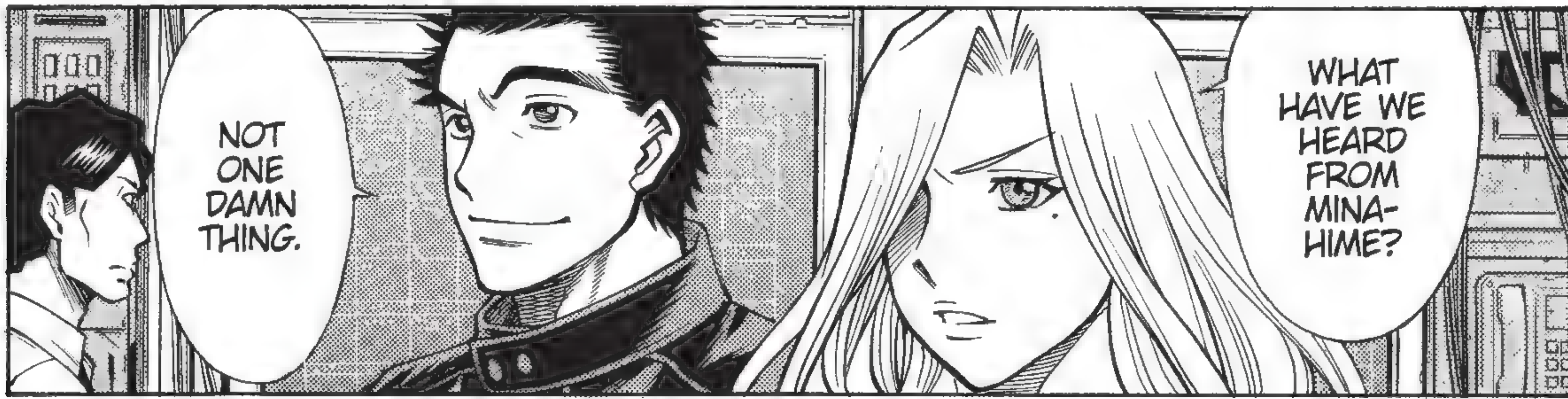
AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. THE MORE EYE-GRAB-BING THEY ARE, THE BETTER.

TWEN-
TY
MIN-
UTES.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE BEOWULF BEGAN FIGHTING?

特区監督庁臨時指揮所

SPECIAL DISTRICT POLICE TEMPORARY HQ



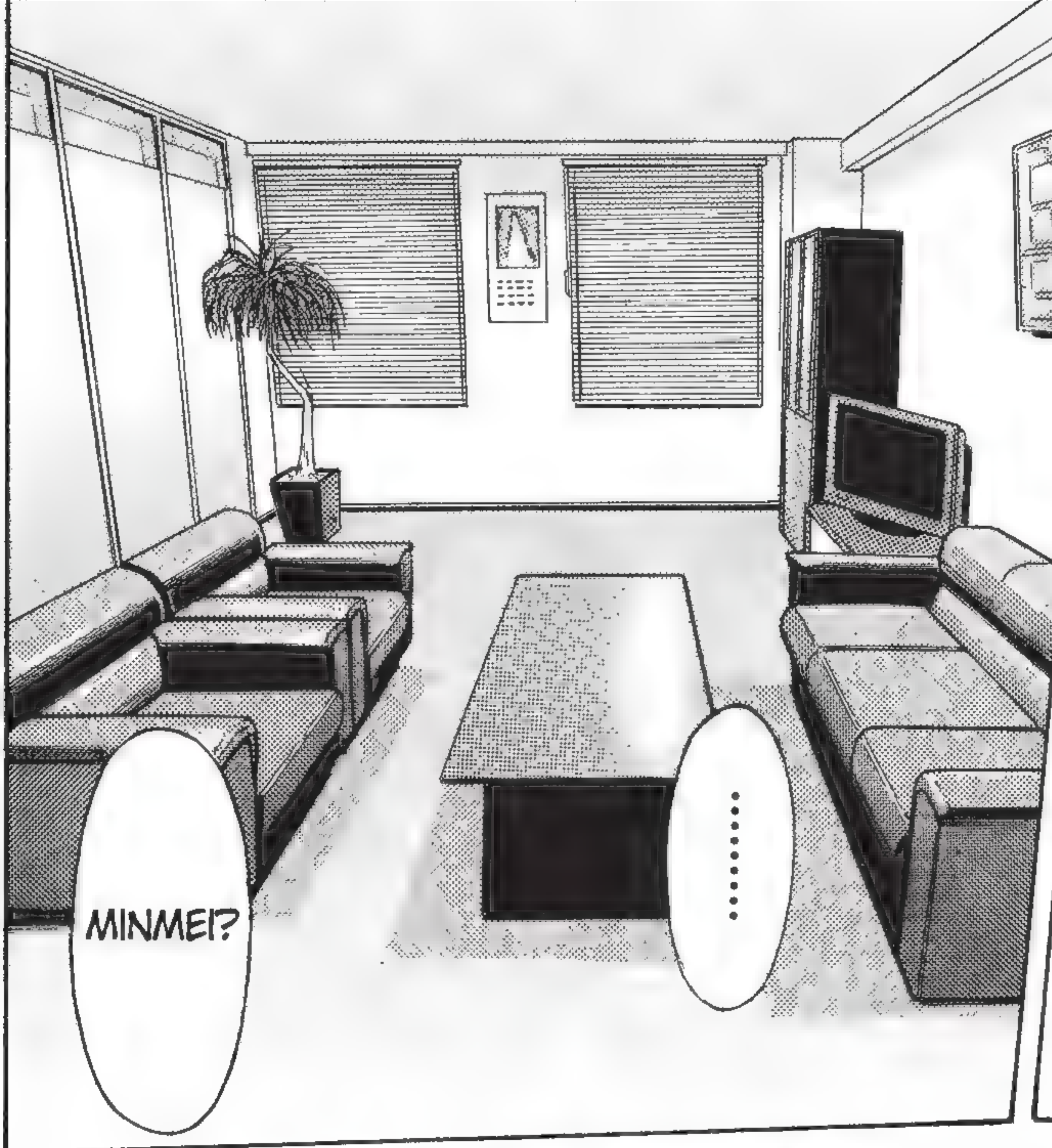
NOT ONE DAMN THING.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD FROM MINA-HIME?

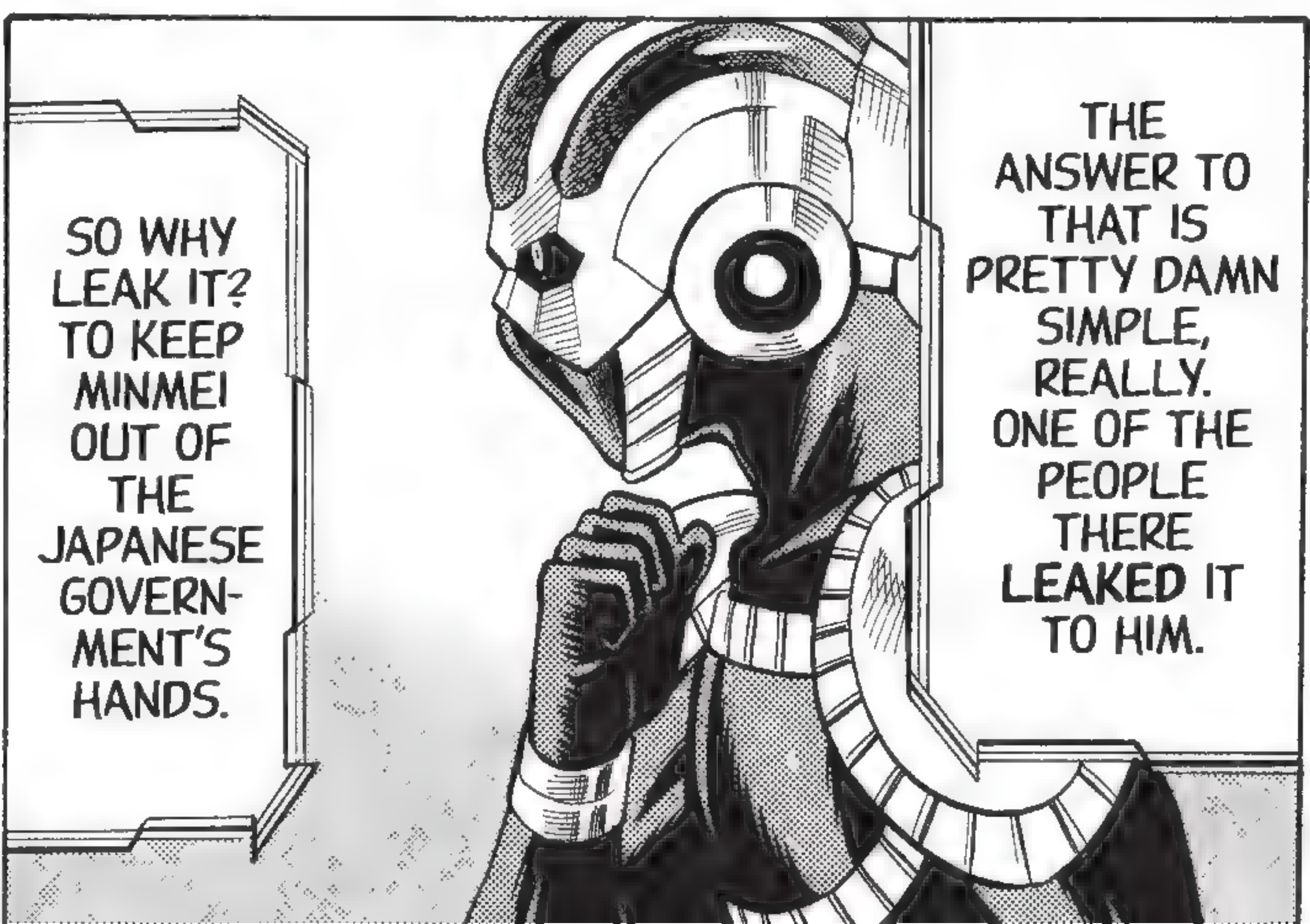
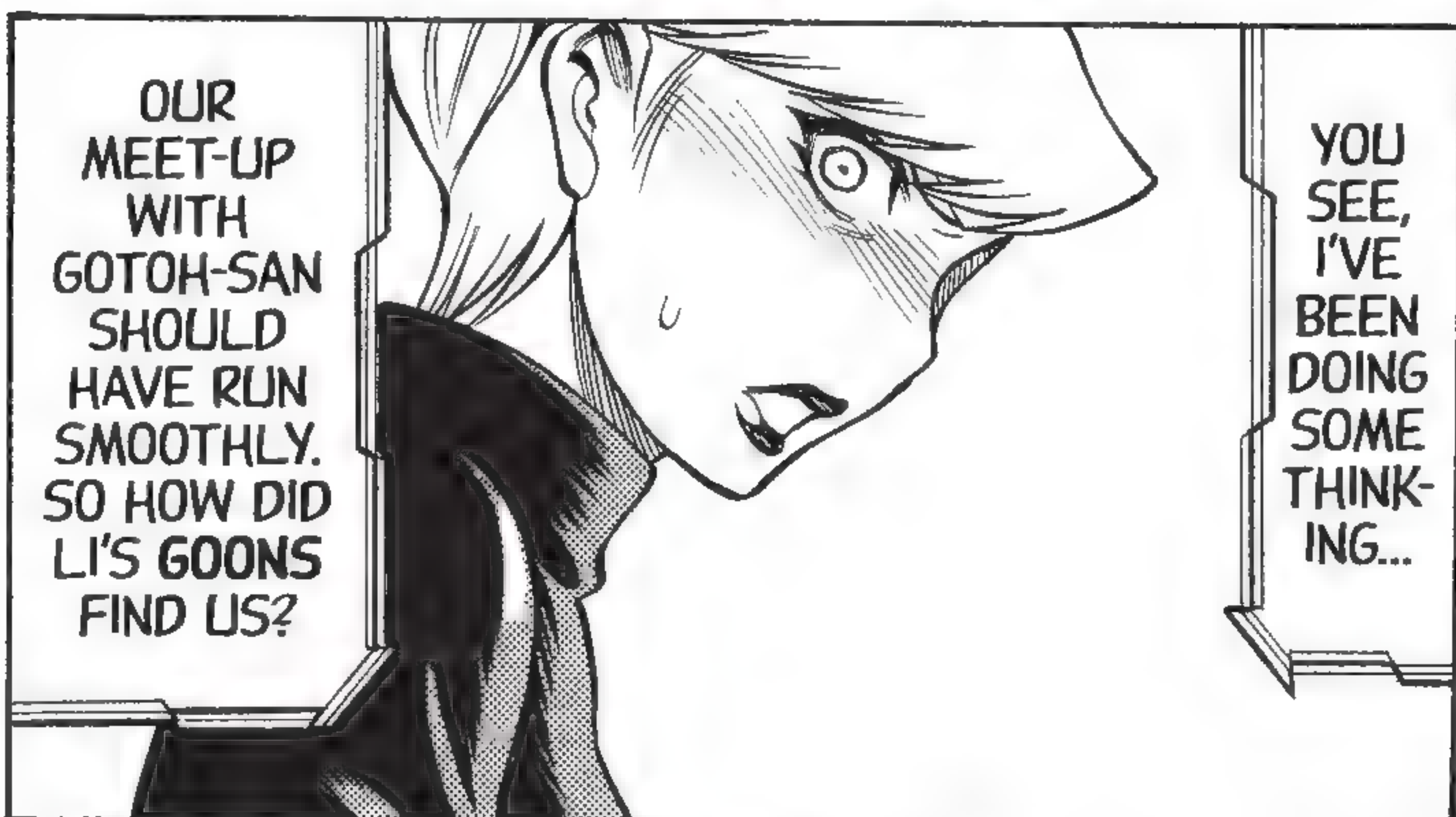
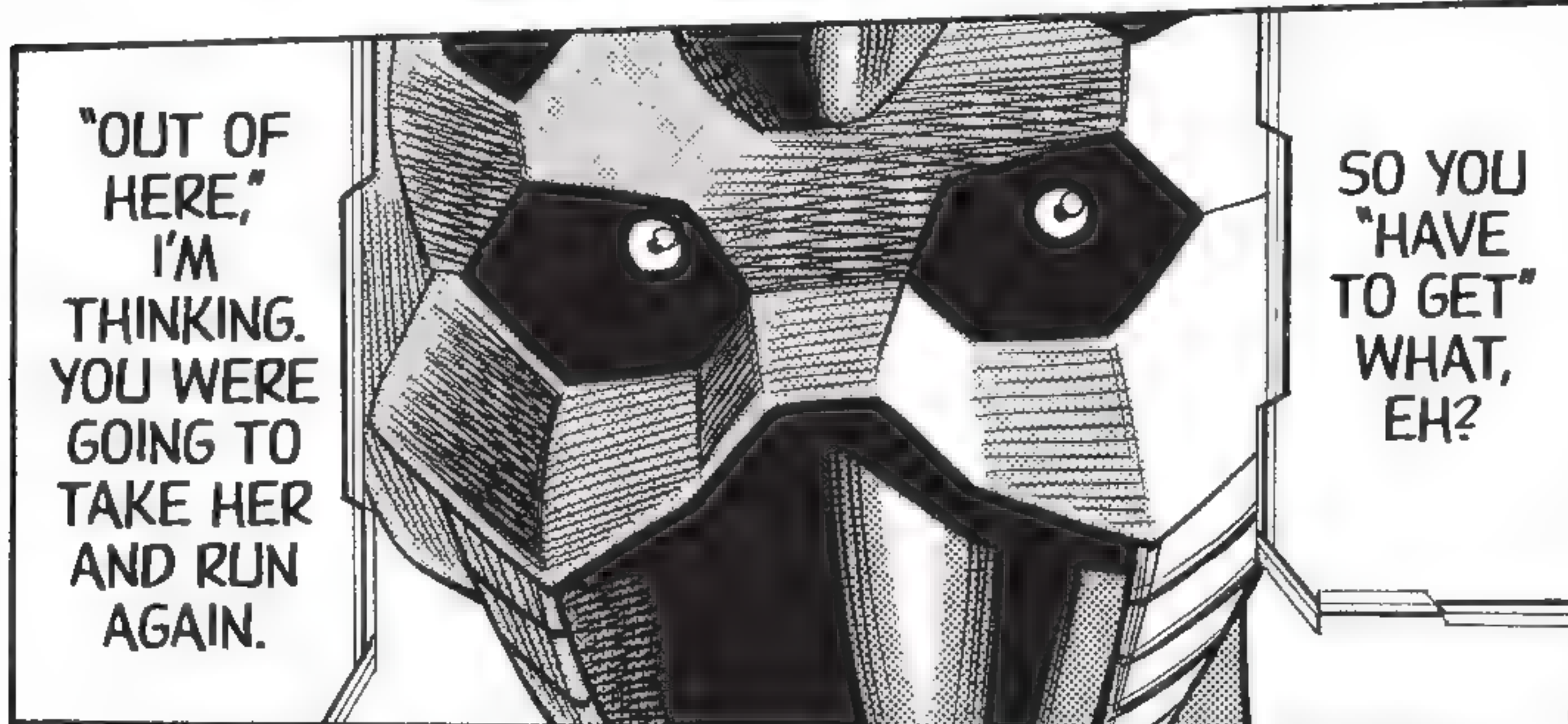


HAVE TO BE REAL CAREFUL OF LEAKS IN THIS SITUATION...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE ENEMY AGENTS ARE HIDING, AND WHOSE FACE THEY'RE WEARING, Y'KNOW.



COME ON,
WE HAVE
TO GET--



THIS LEAK
WASN'T
AT ALL
EXPECTING
SOMEONE
AS BIG AS
COUNCILOR
RYUU TO
SHOW UP.

R I G H T ?

HOW-
EVER
...

JUST
LIKE SHE'S
DONE
MULTIPLE
TIMES
ALREADY.

WHOEVER
THE LEAK WAS,
THEY PROBABLY
EXPECTED TO
QUIETLY SLIP
AWAY WHILE
WE FOUGHT
LI'S GOONS,
TAKING MINMEI
WITH HER.

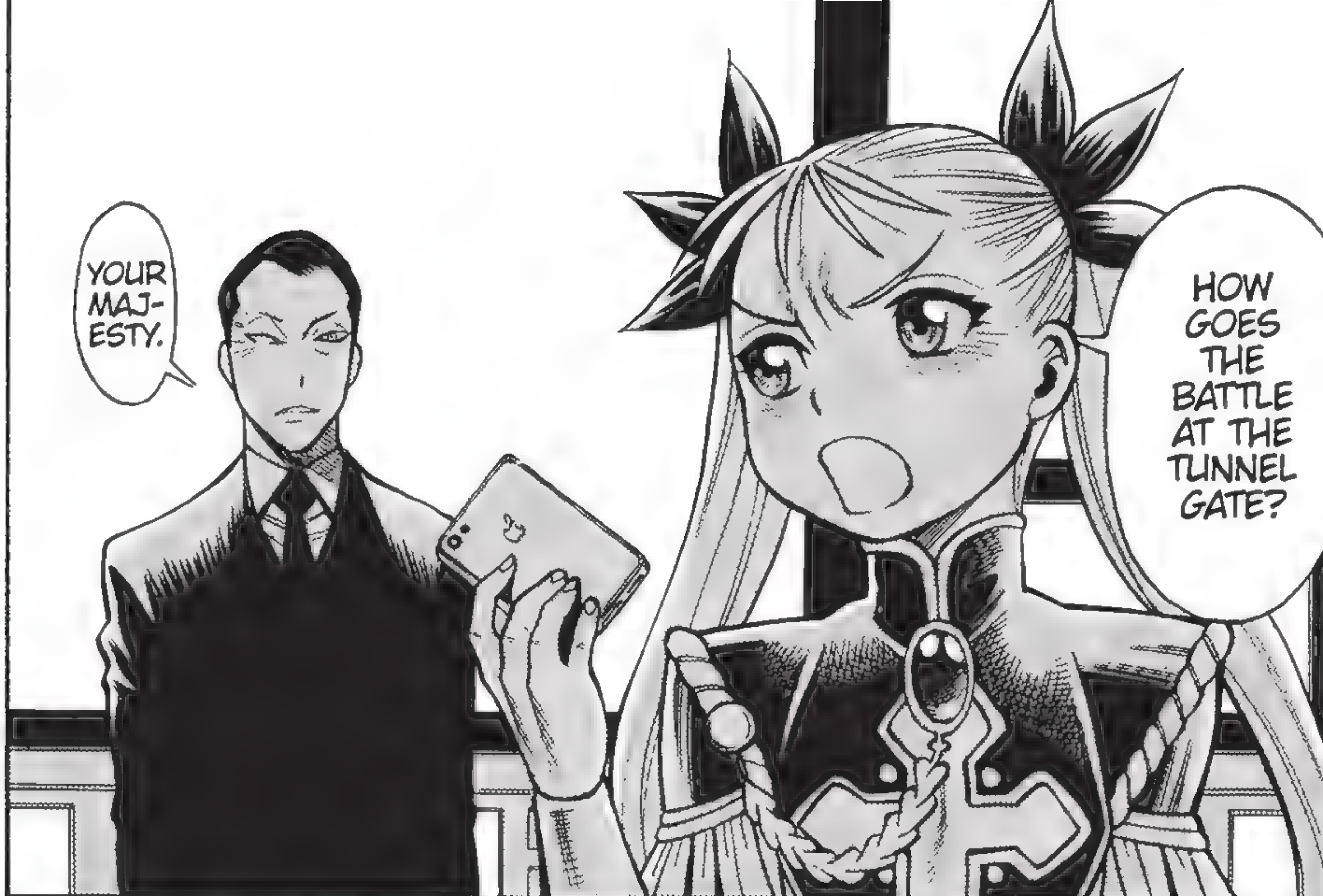
WHO
ARE
YOU?

WAIT
JUST
ONE
MINUTE...

THAT,
MISS
LEAK...

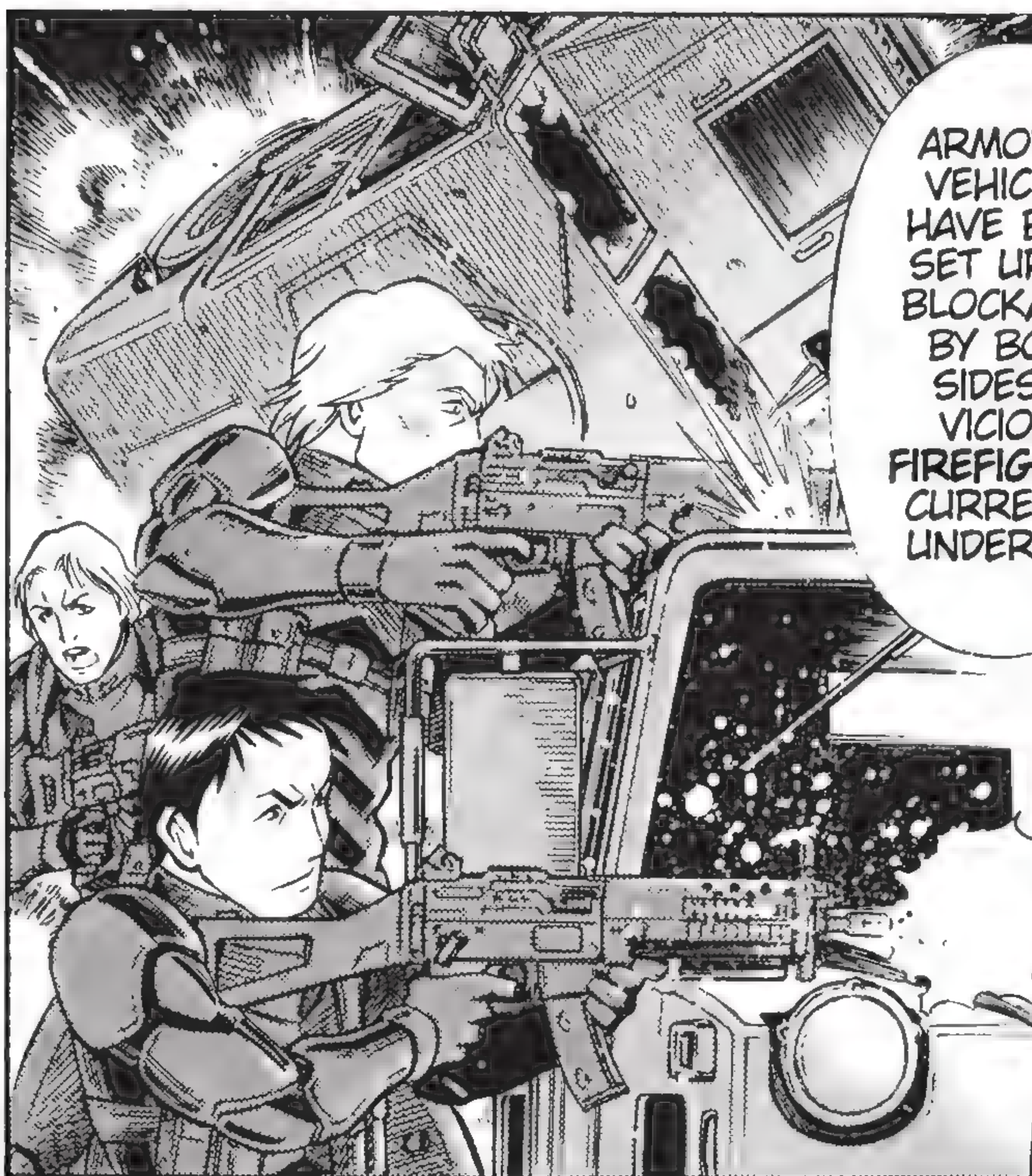
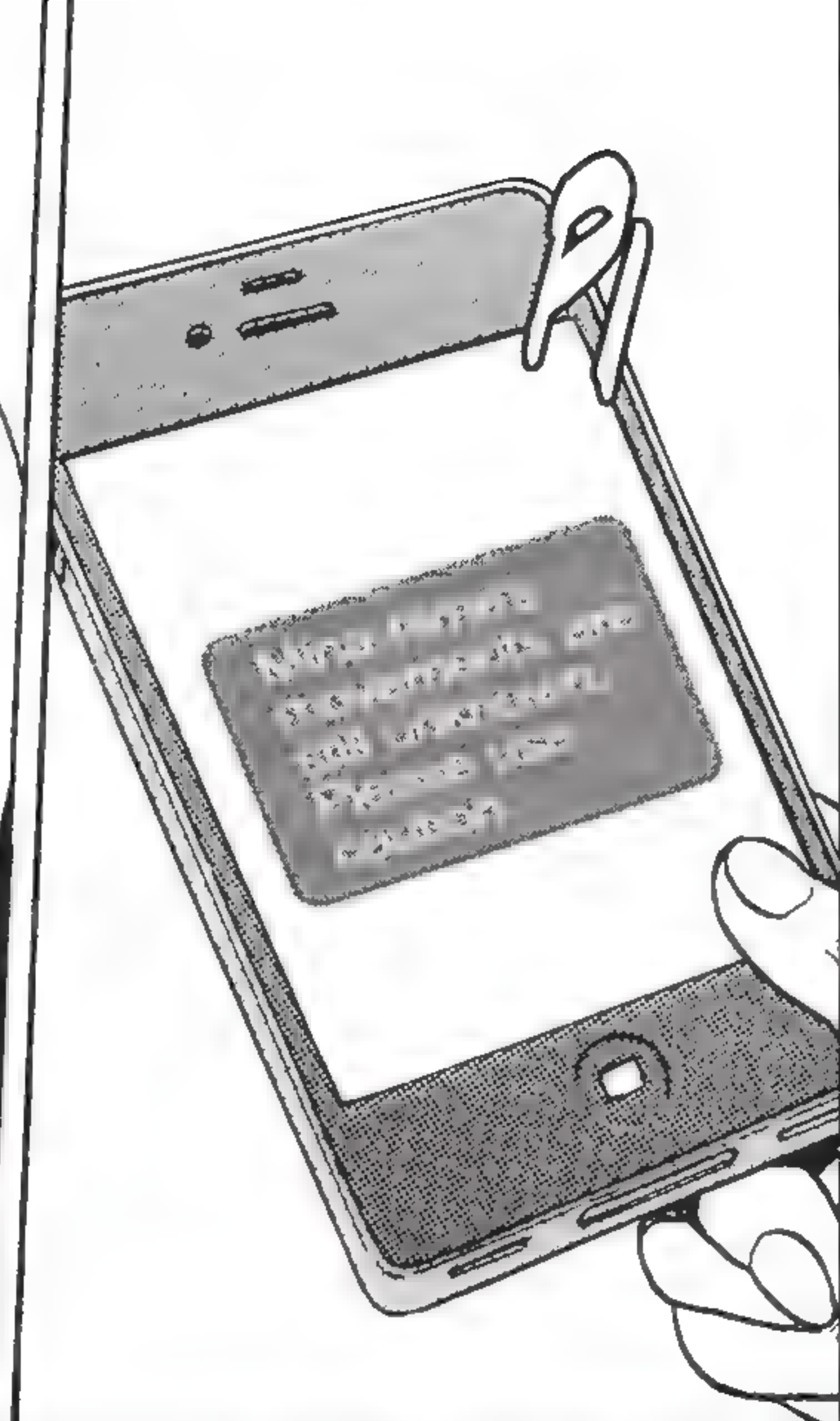
IS
MY
LINE
!!

FUNSH



YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.

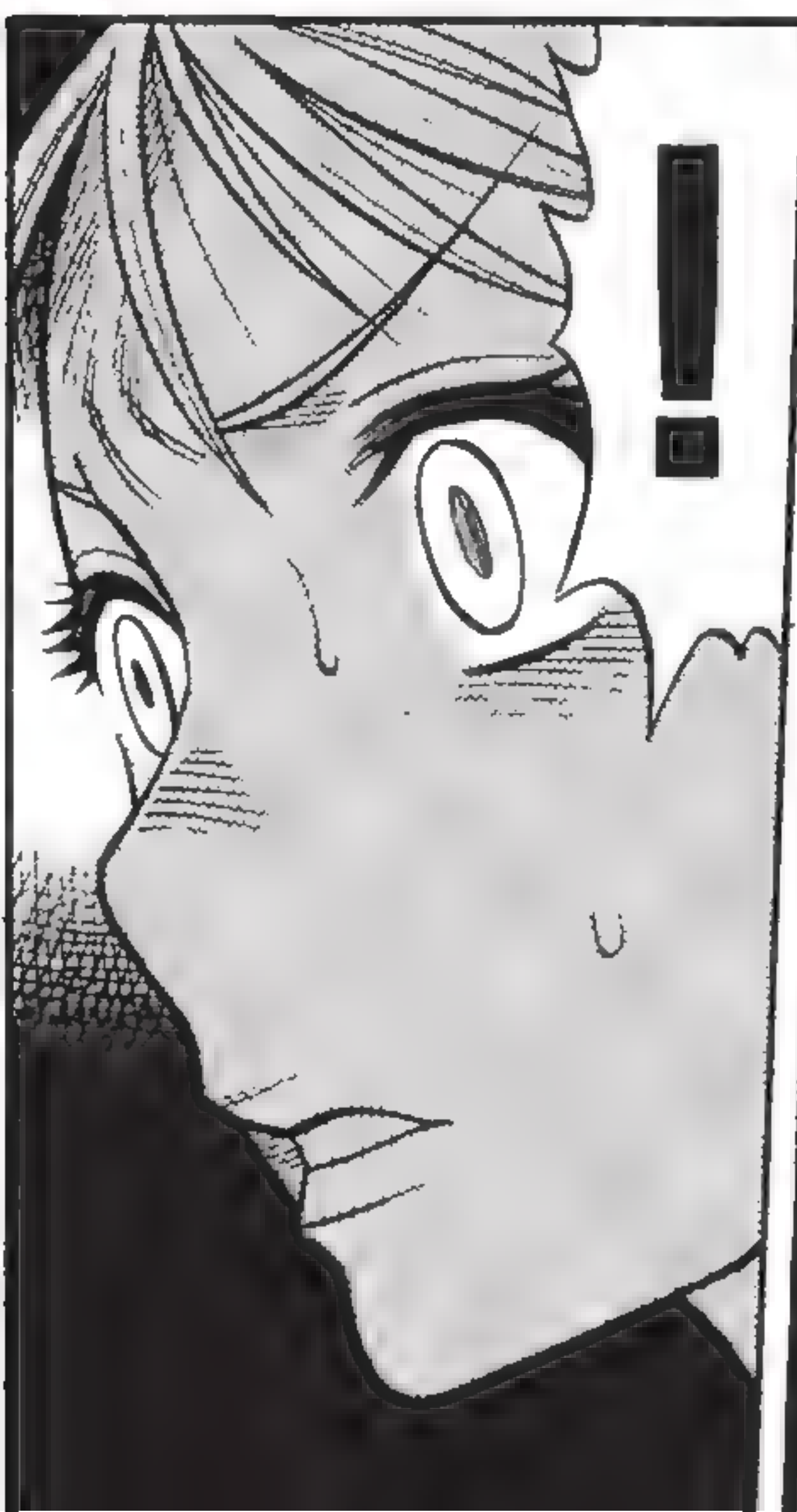
HOW
GOES
THE
BATTLE
AT THE
TUNNEL
GATE?



ARMORED
VEHICLES
HAVE BEEN
SET UP AS
BLOCKADES
BY BOTH
SIDES. A
VICIOUS
FIREFIGHT
IS CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY.



BOTH
OUR
FORCES
AND THE
ENEMY
HAVE
SENT IN
REIN-
FORCE-
MENTS.



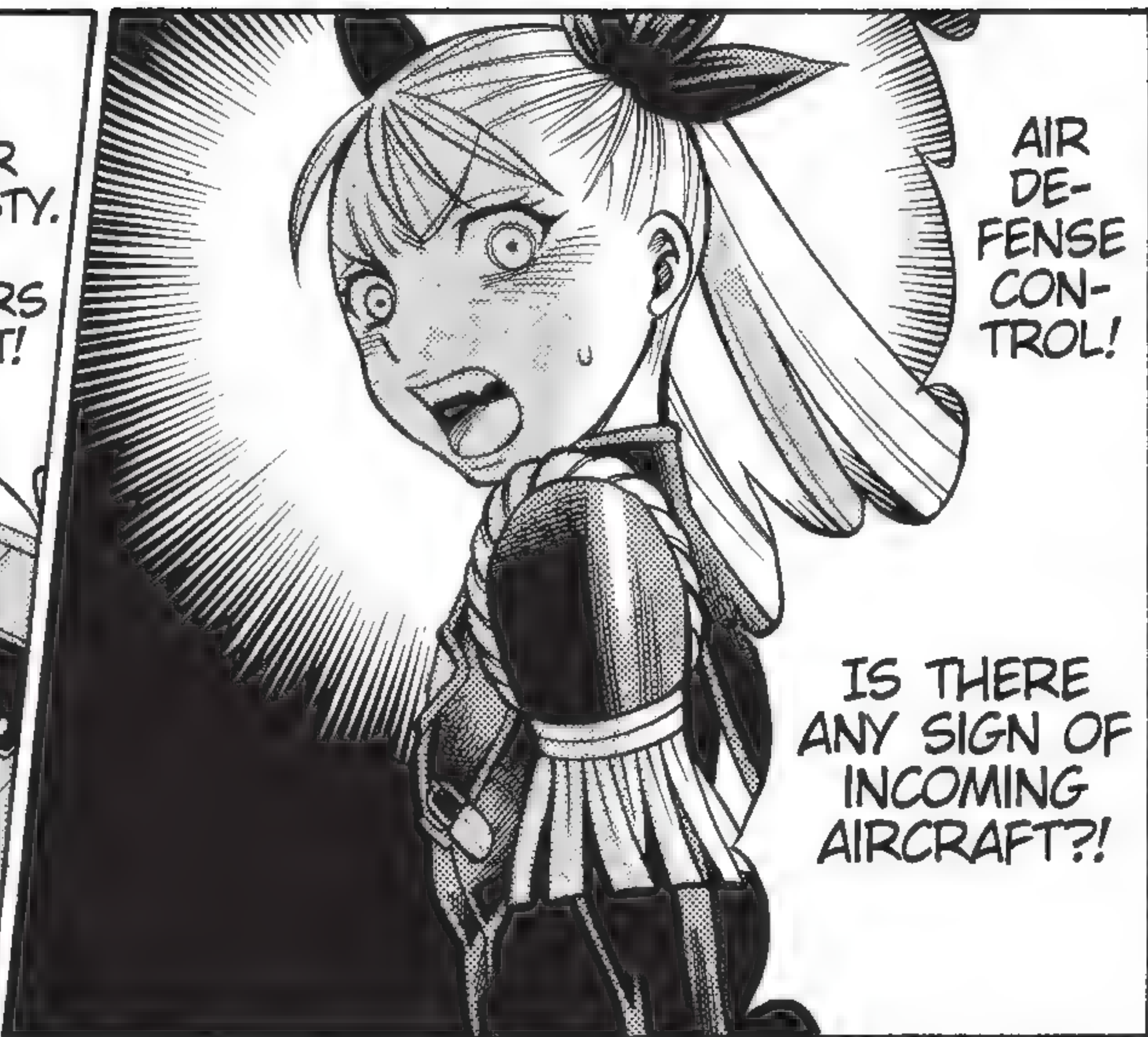
THEY
BARRI-
CADED
IT,
TOO?

WHAT
NEED DO
THEY HAVE
TO SETTLE
IN FOR A
LONG,
DRAWN-OUT
BATTLE?



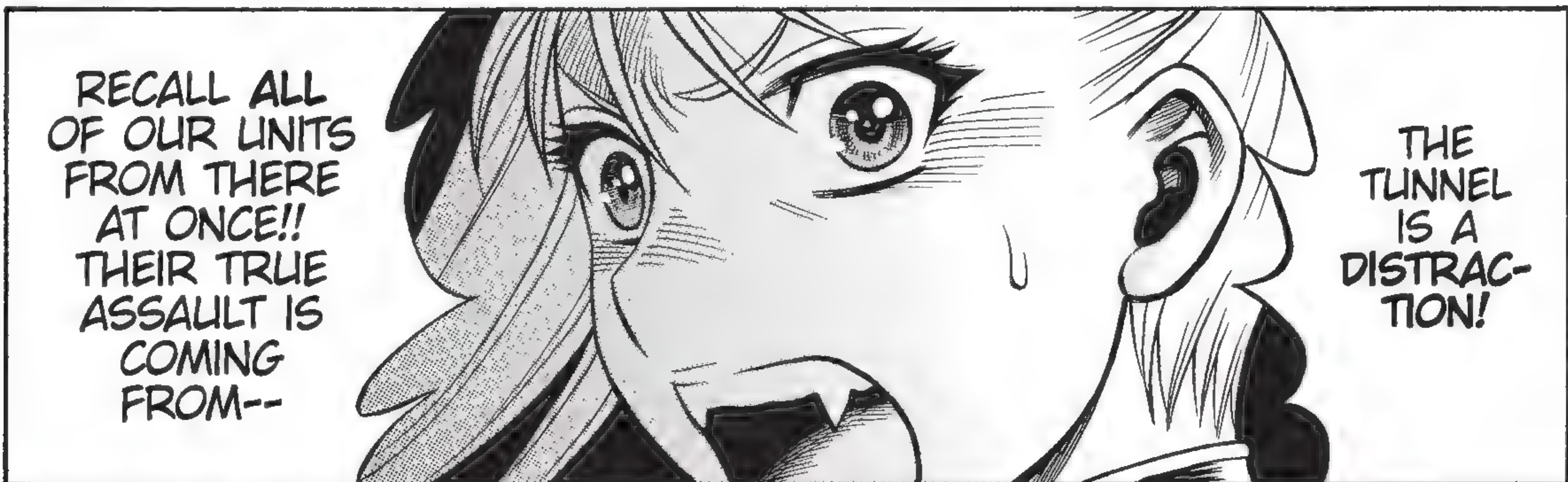
IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER,
YOUR
MAJESTY
?

NO,
YOUR
MAJESTY.
ALL
RADARS
QUIET!



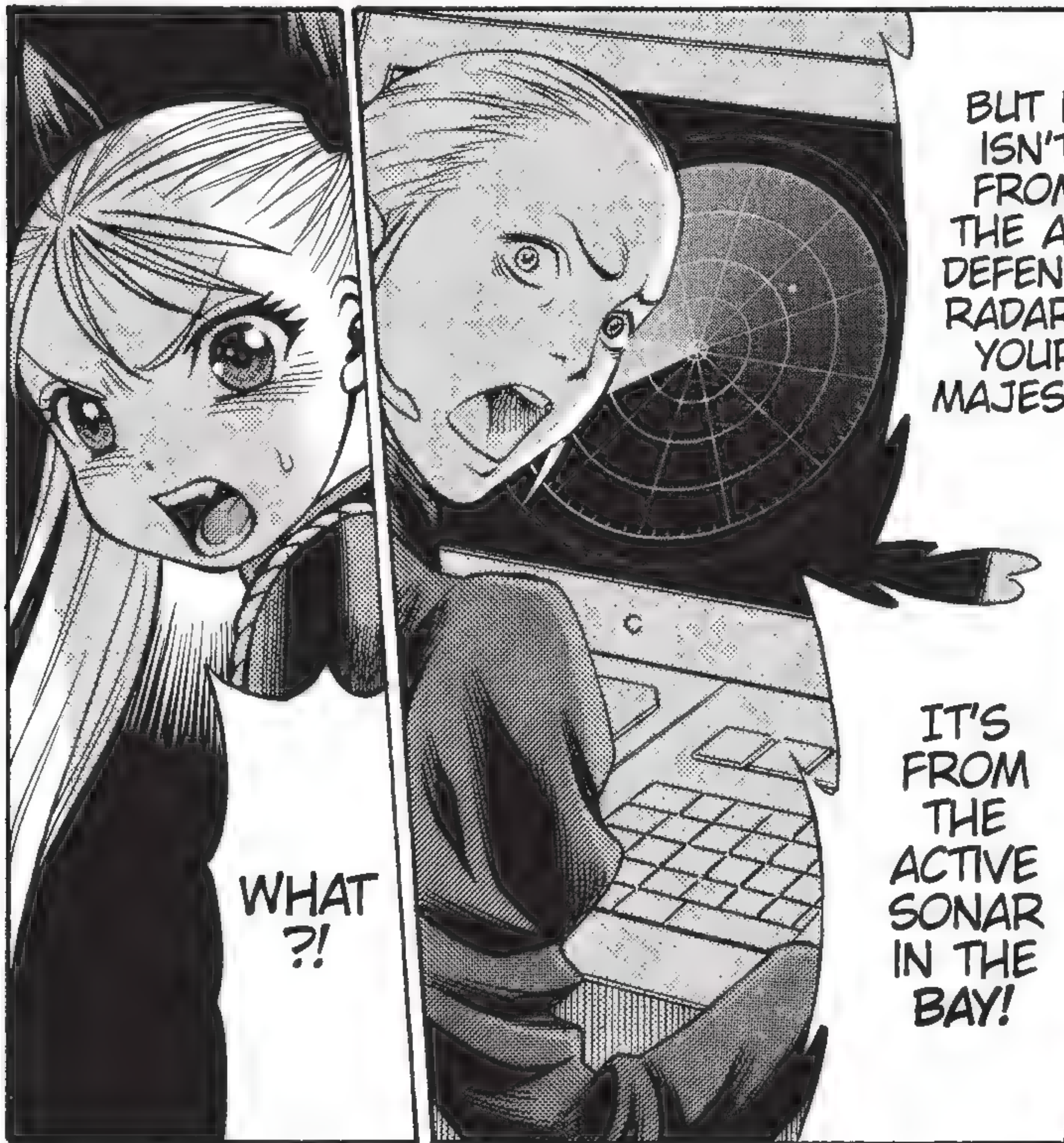
AIR
DE-
FENSE
CON-
TROL!

IS THERE
ANY SIGN OF
INCOMING
AIRCRAFT?!



RECALL ALL
OF OUR UNITS
FROM THERE
AT ONCE!!
THEIR TRUE
ASSAULT IS
COMING
FROM--

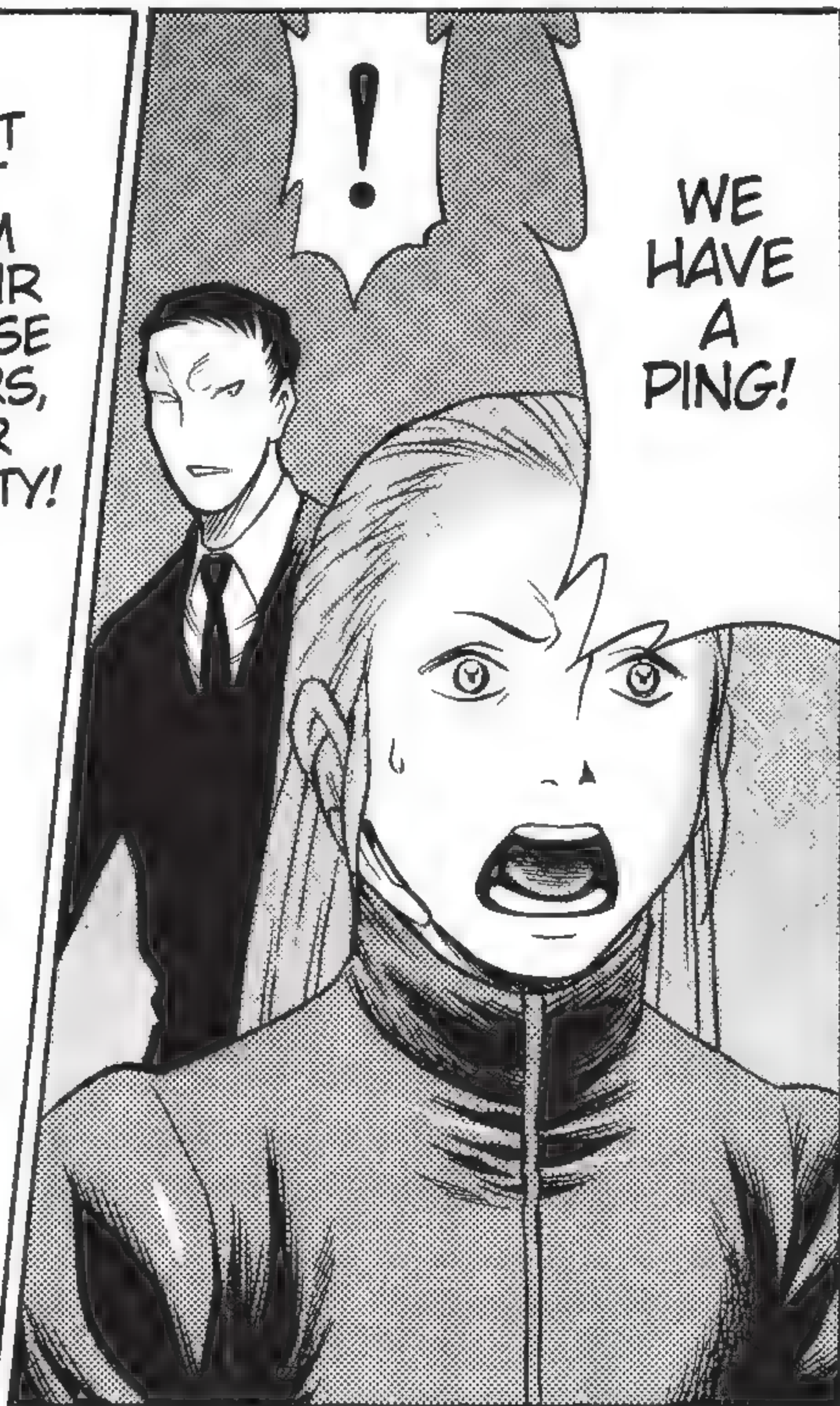
THE
TUNNEL
IS A
DISTRAC-
TION!



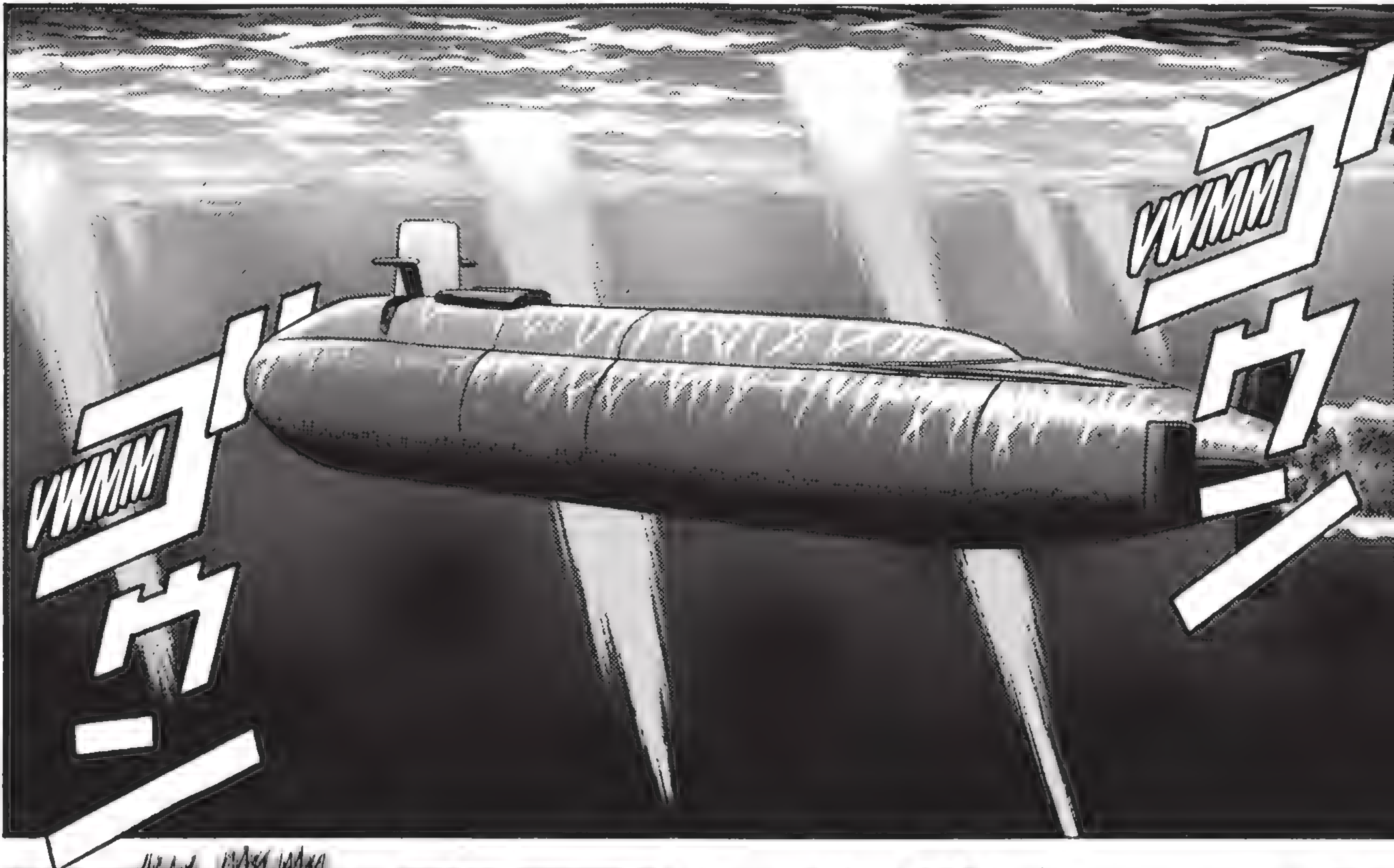
WHAT
?!

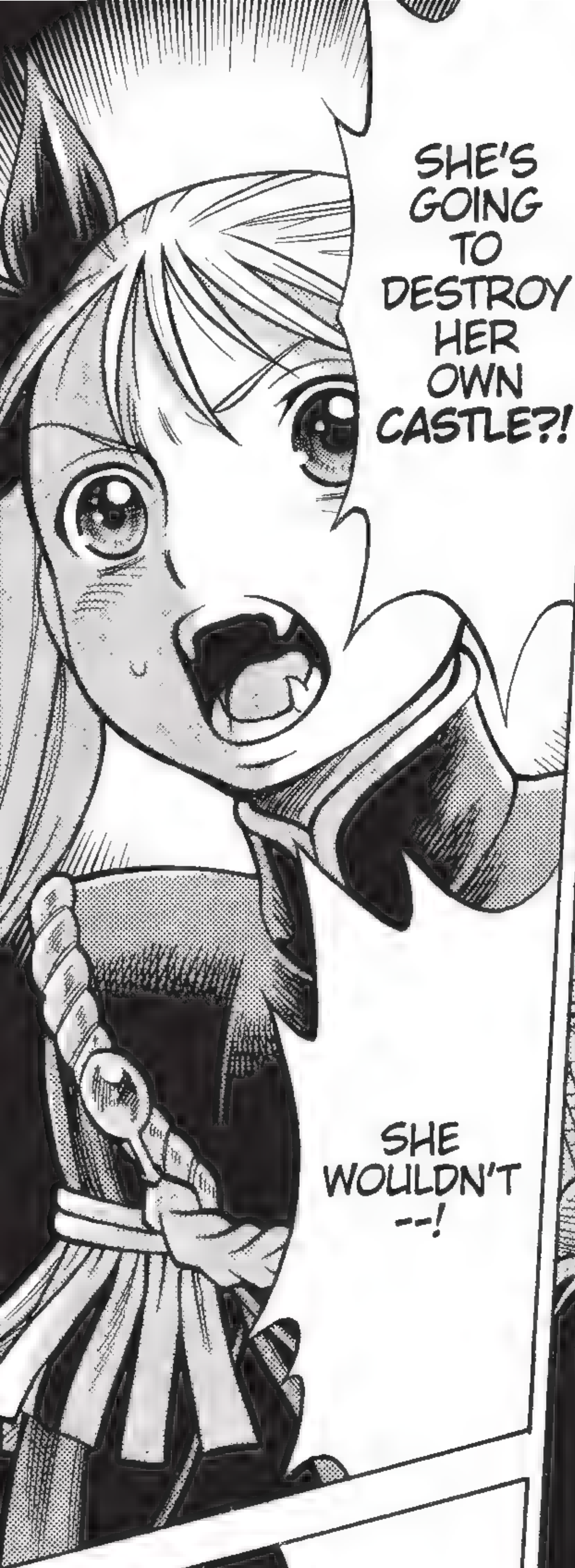
BUT IT
ISN'T
FROM
THE AIR
DEFENSE
RADARS,
YOUR
MAJESTY!

IT'S
FROM
THE
ACTIVE
SONAR
IN THE
BAY!



WE
HAVE
A
PING!

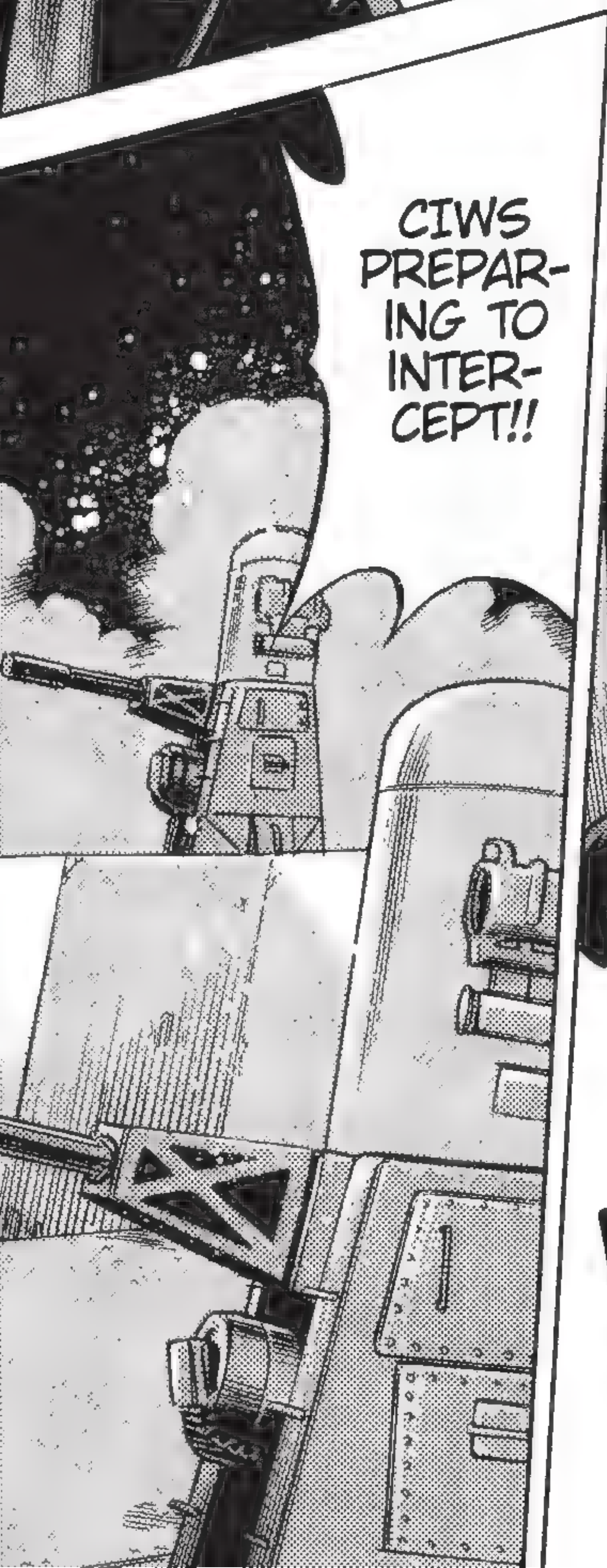




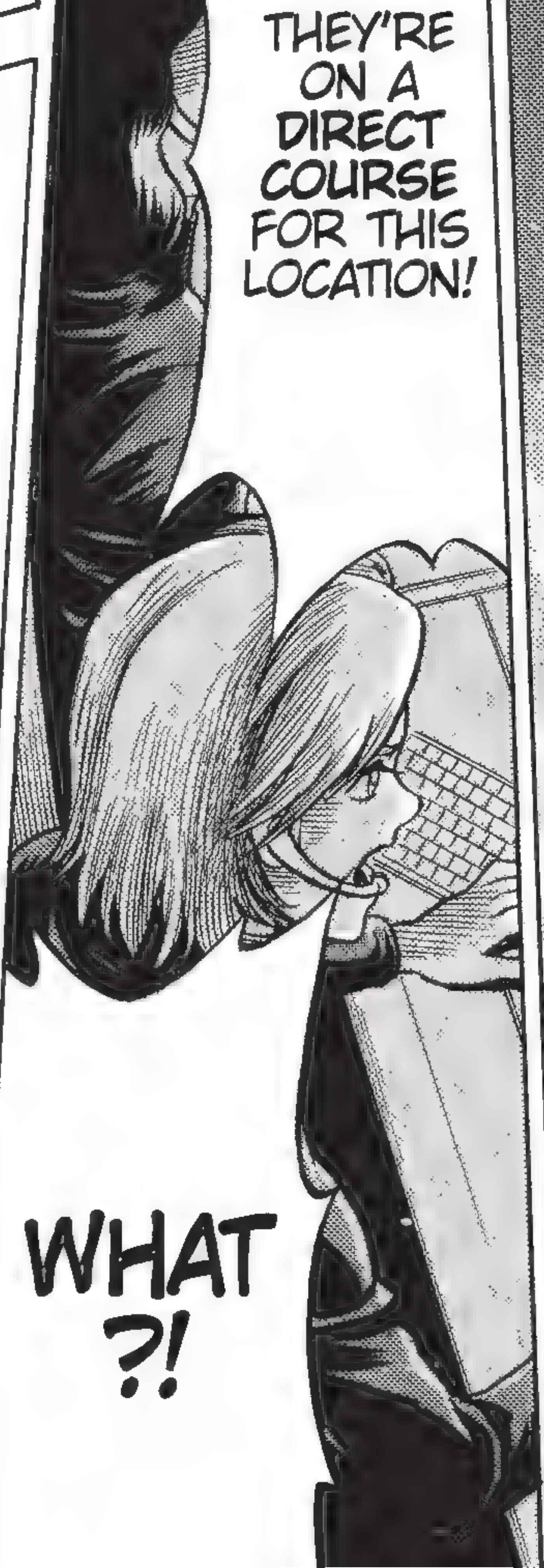
SHE'S
GOING
TO
DESTROY
HER
OWN
CASTLE?!



SUBMARINE
MISSILES
LAUNCHED!
MULTIPLE
SLBMs
CONFIRMED
!!

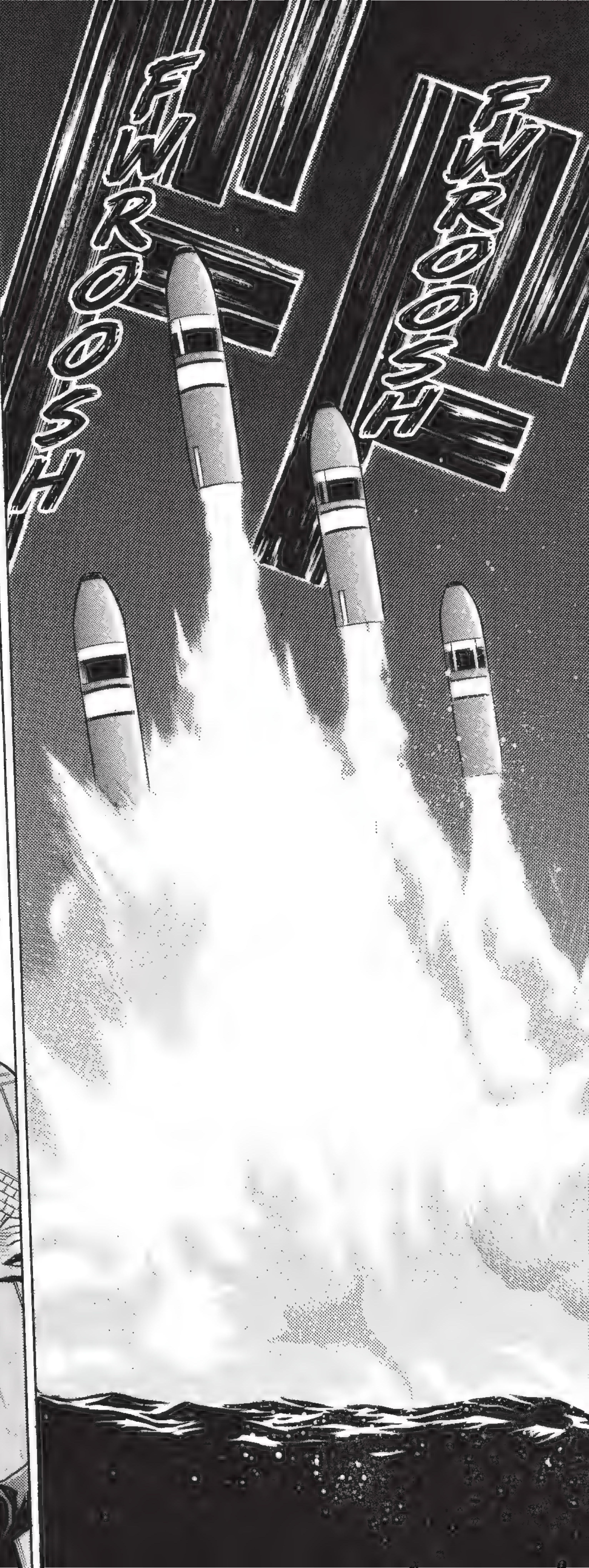


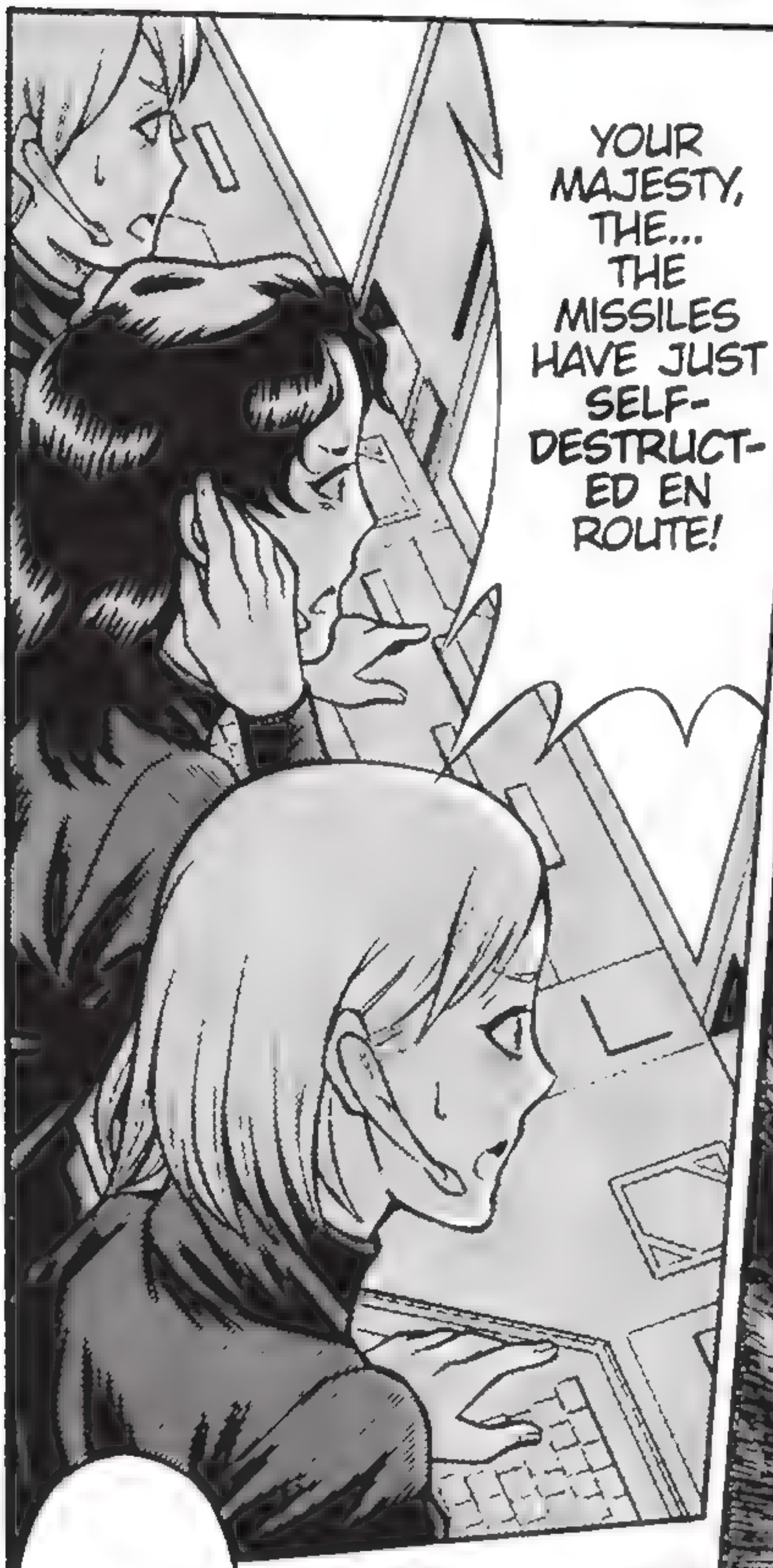
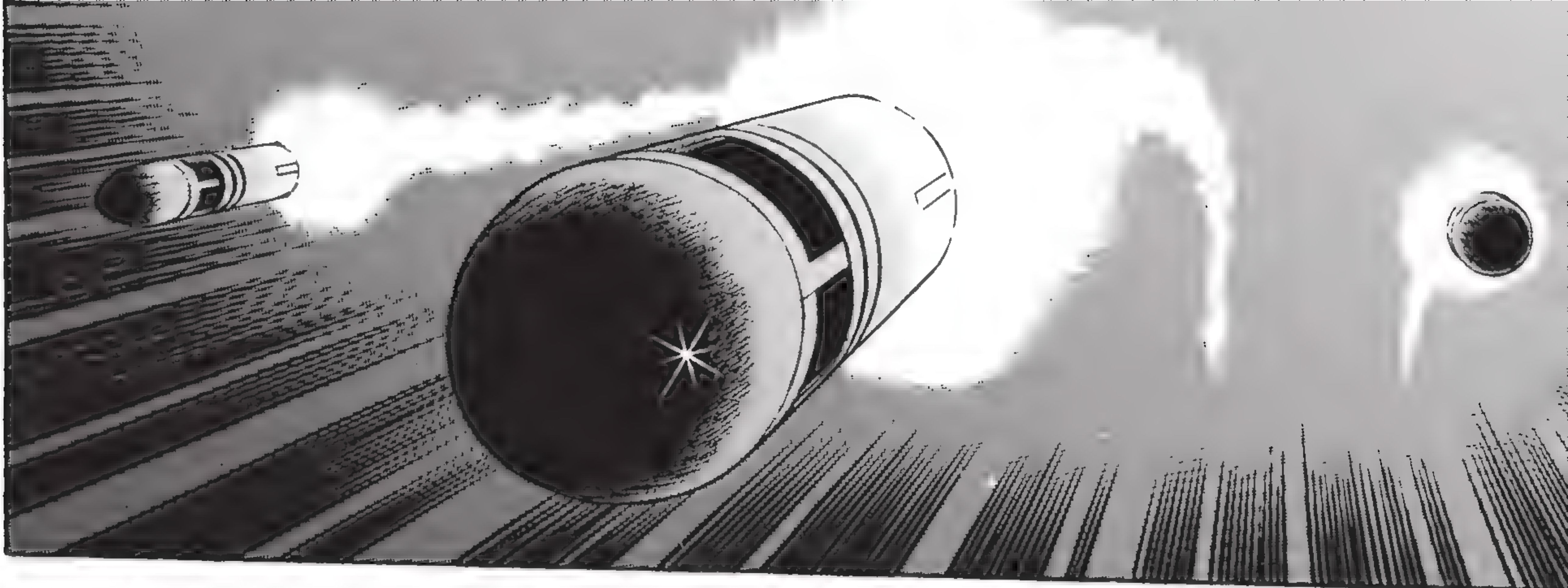
CIWS
PREPAR-
ING TO
INTER-
CEPT!!



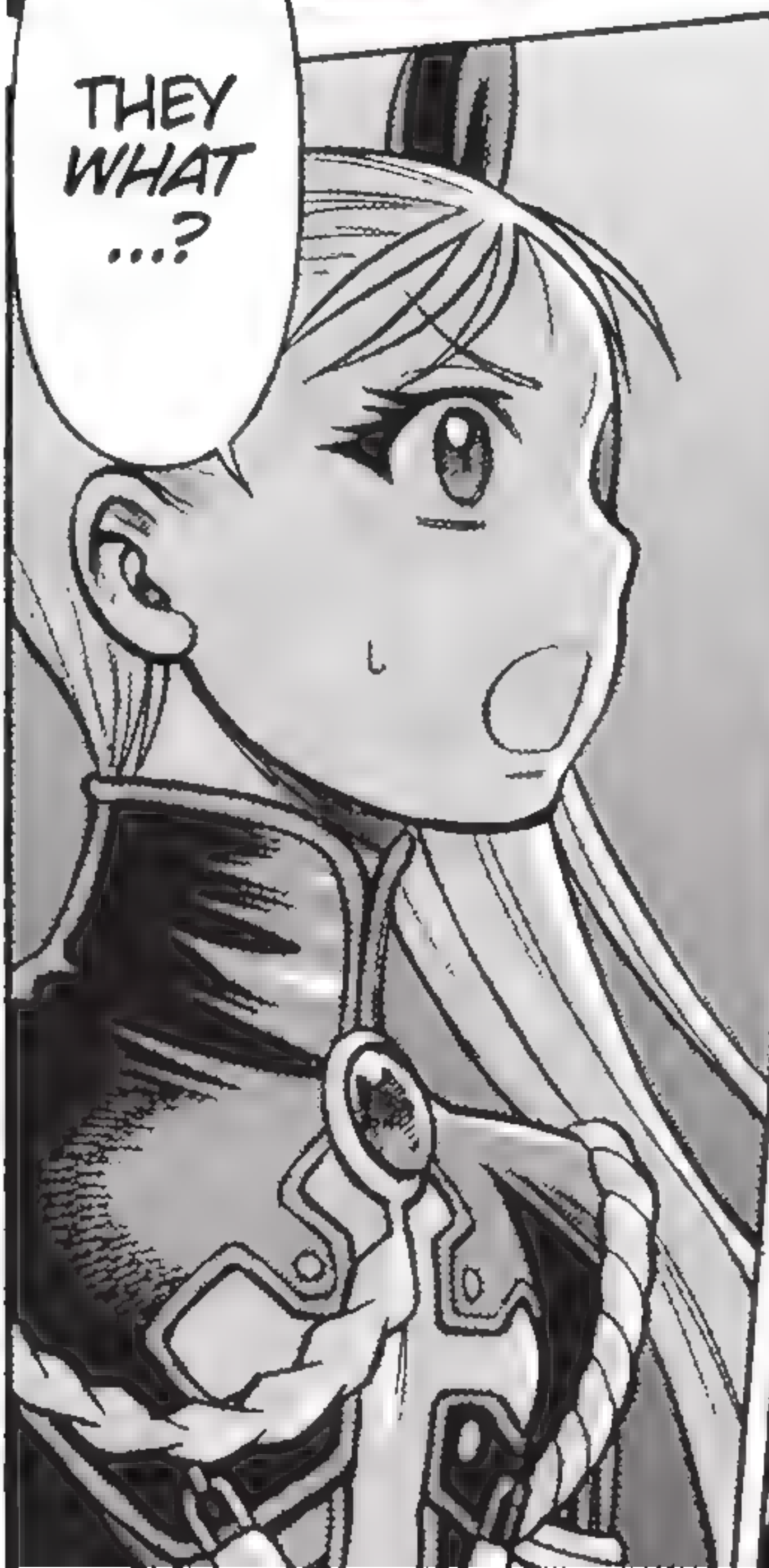
THEY'RE
ON A
DIRECT
COURSE
FOR THIS
LOCATION!

WHAT
?!

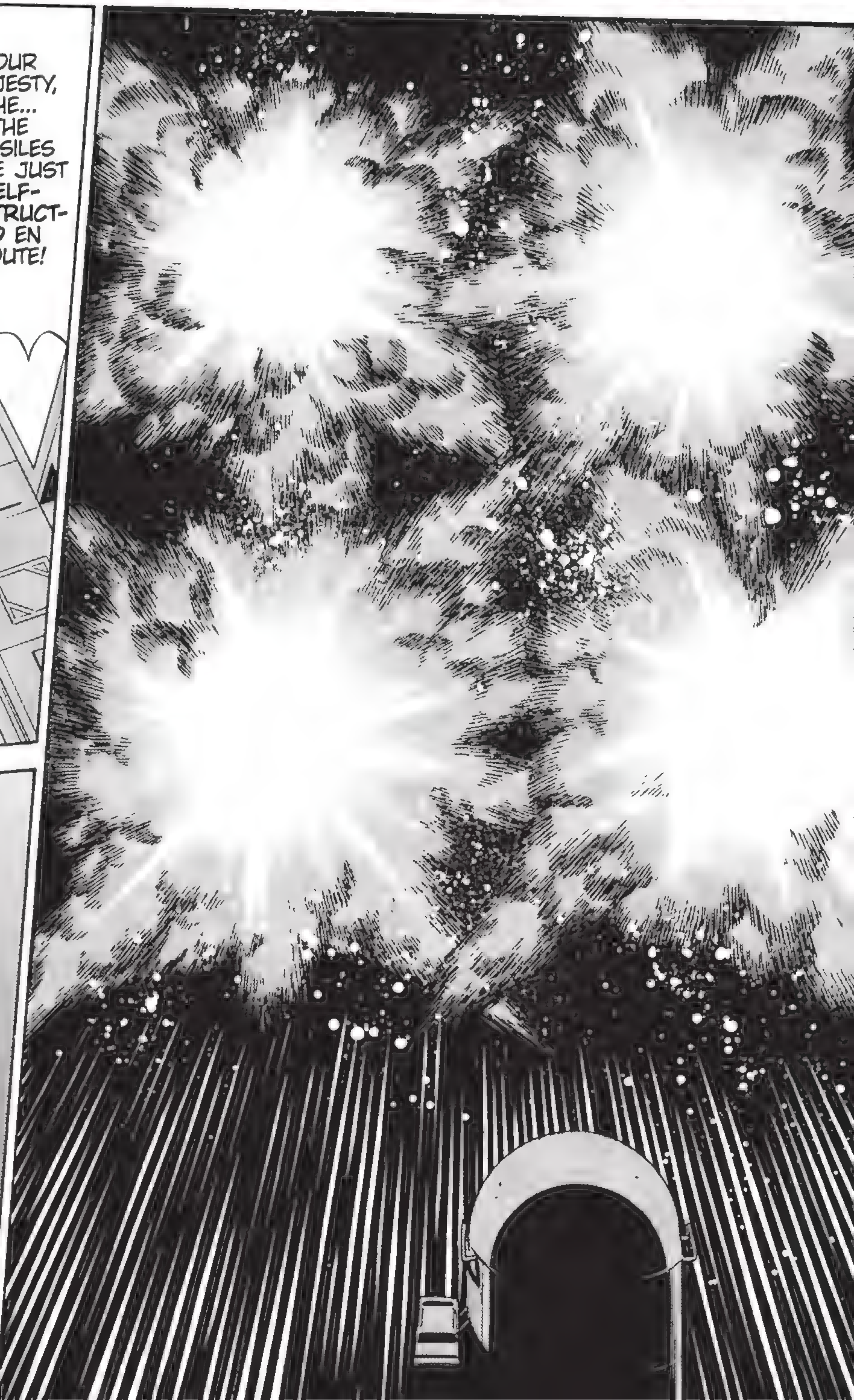


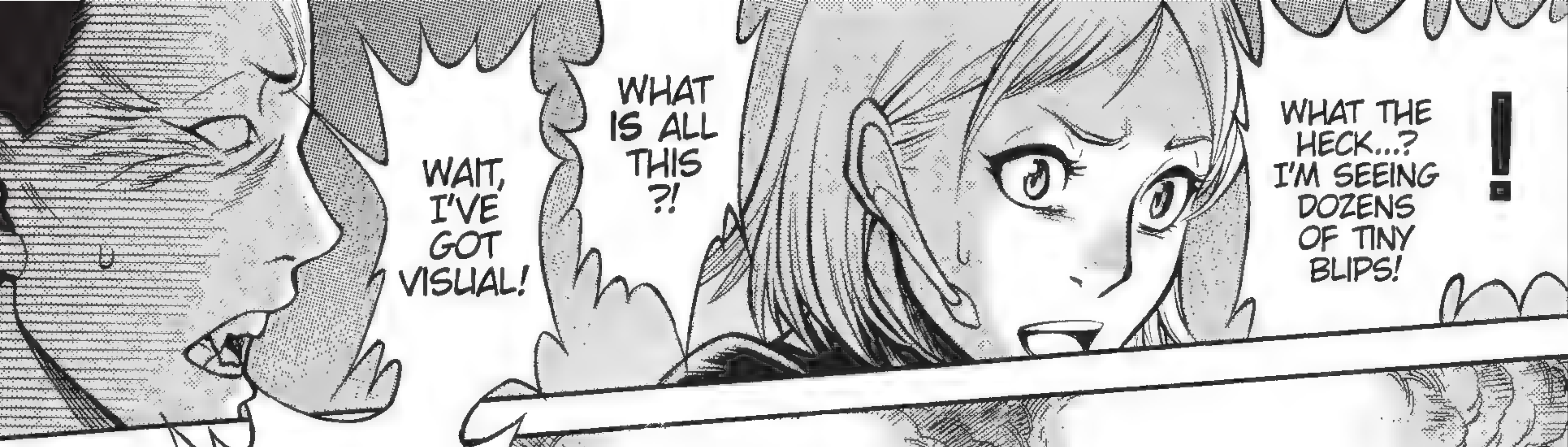


YOUR
MAJESTY,
THE...
THE
MISSILES
HAVE JUST
SELF-
DESTRUCT-
ED EN
ROUTE!



THEY
WHAT
...?





WAIT,
I'VE
GOT
VISUAL!

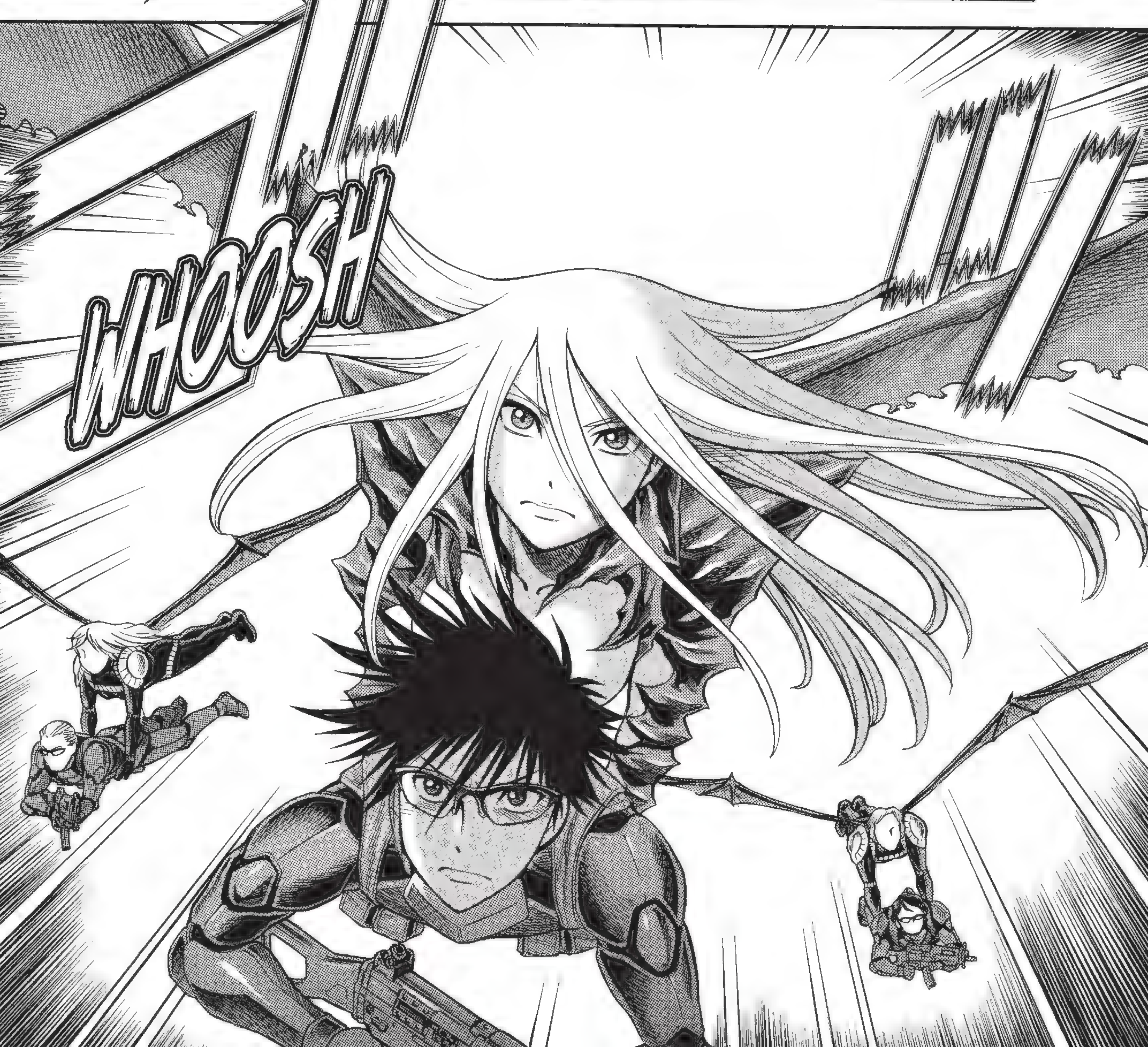
WHAT
IS ALL
THIS
?!

WHAT THE
HECK...?
I'M SEEING
DOZENS
OF TINY
BLIPS!

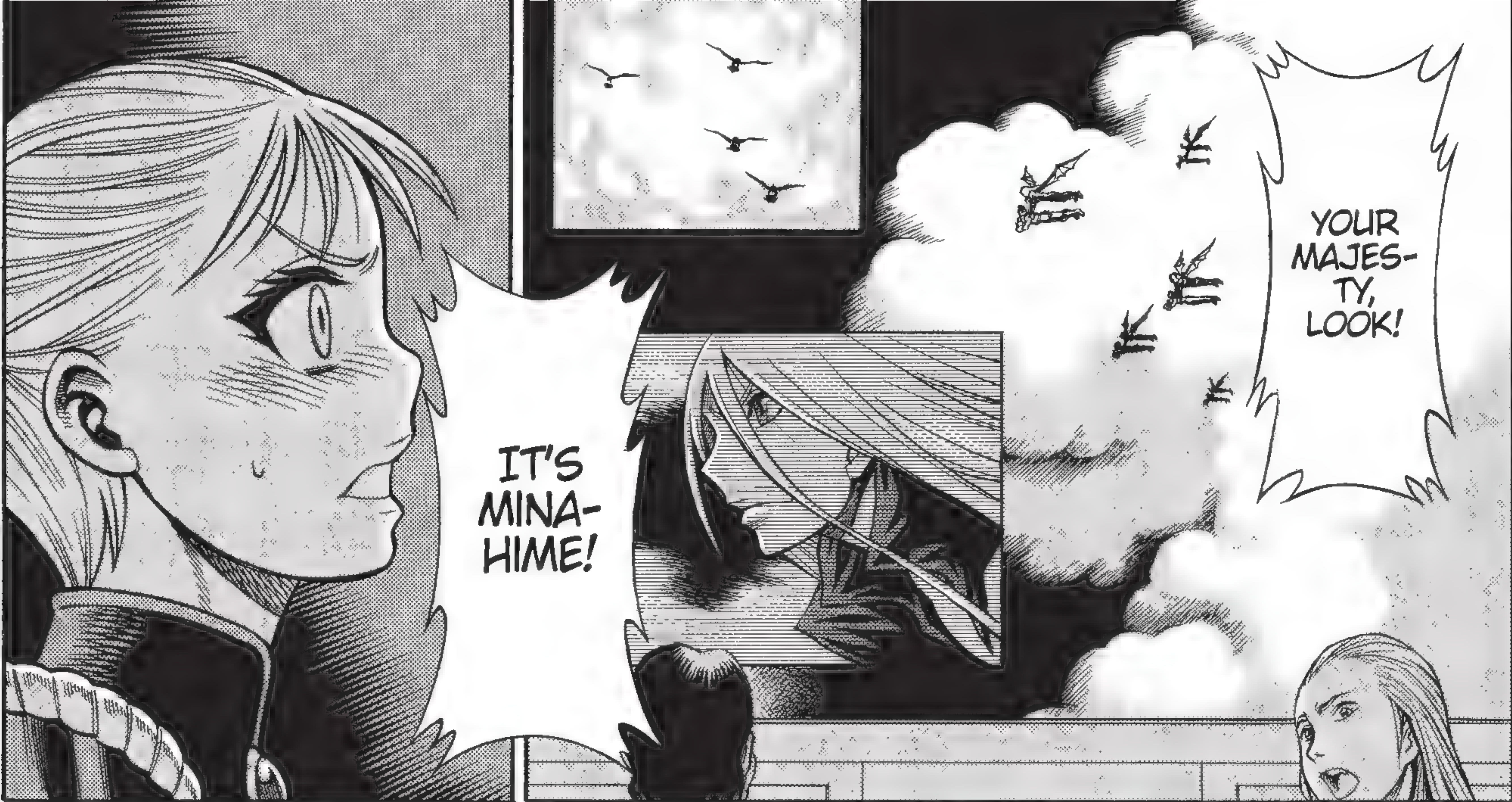
!



SOMETHING'S
COMING OUT
OF THE
SMOKE...
IT LOOKS
LIKE
HUNDREDS
OF
SHADOWS!!

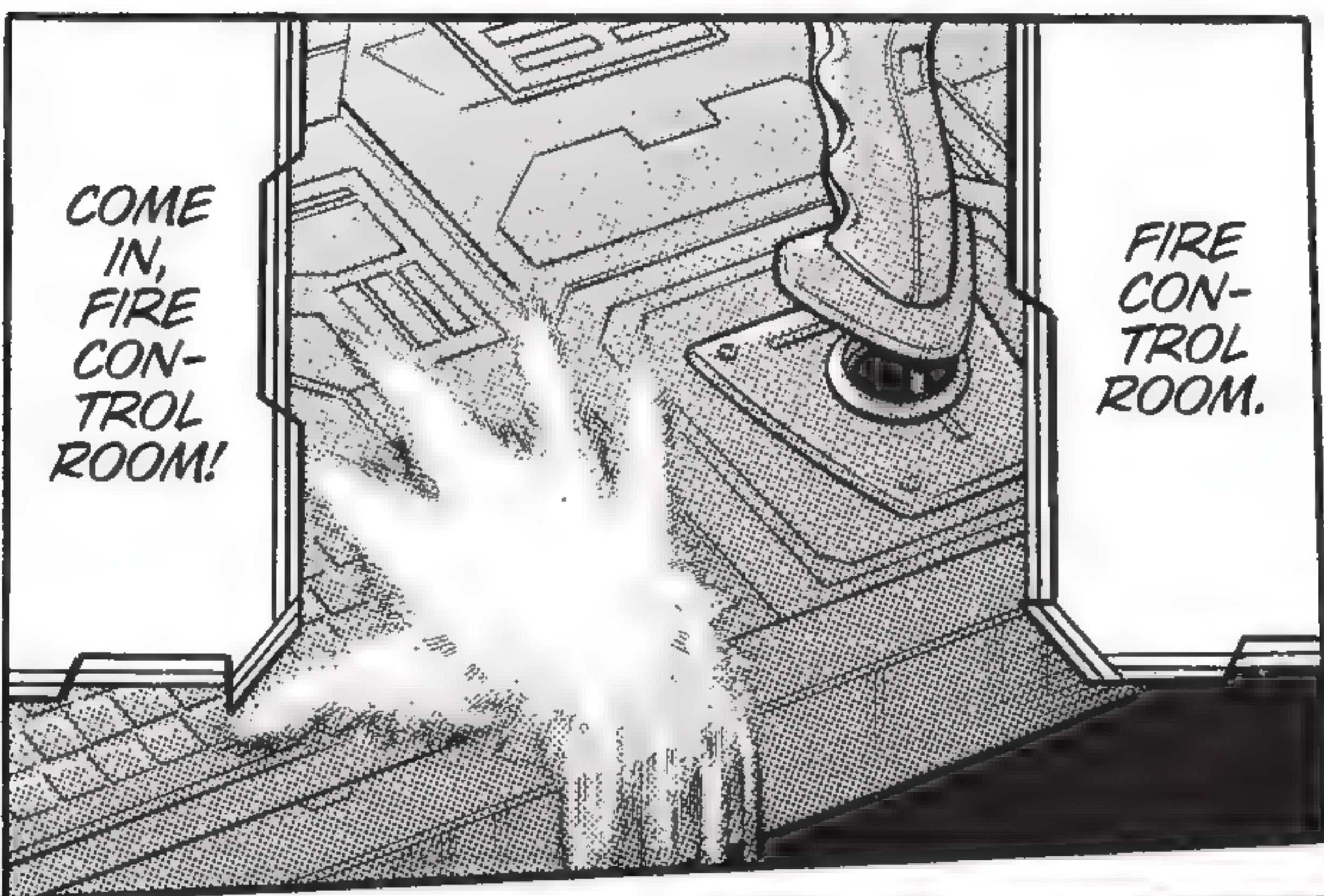


WHOOOSH



IT'S
MINA-
HIME!

YOUR
MAJES-
TY,
LOOK!



COME
IN,
FIRE
CON-
TROL
ROOM!

FIRE
CON-
TROL
ROOM.



CEASE THIS
UNSIGHTLY
PANIC!
SWITCH
TO THE
OPTICAL
SENSORS!!

CIWS
IS NOT
TRACK-
ING!

REPEAT,
CIWS IS
NOT REC-
OGNIZING
THEIR SIL-
HOUETTES
AS VIABLE
TARGETS!

THAT
SHOULD
GIVE
THE FIRE
CONTROL
ROOM
VISUAL
CONTROL
OVER TAR-
GETING.



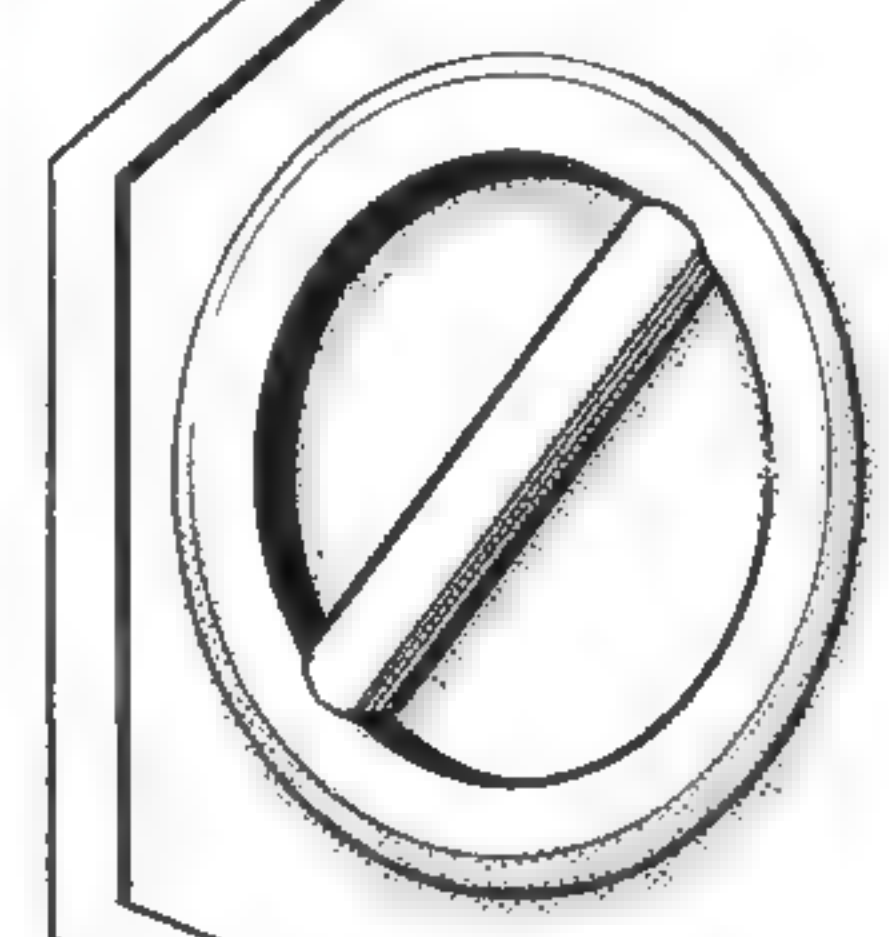
DETENTION
DIVISION

CAGE-11
PRISONER :
W.V.Regendor

UNLOCK

ampires, contrary to Werewolves, are a form
of evolved humans. Making it's
only predator. Unlike compared to humans
ampire emotions are significantly more
causing many vamp

CLANK





EVERY-
ONE,
FOLLOW
ME!

THE
CIWS
REMAINS
SILENT!

WE
GO TO
RE-
CLAIM
MY
CASTLE
!!

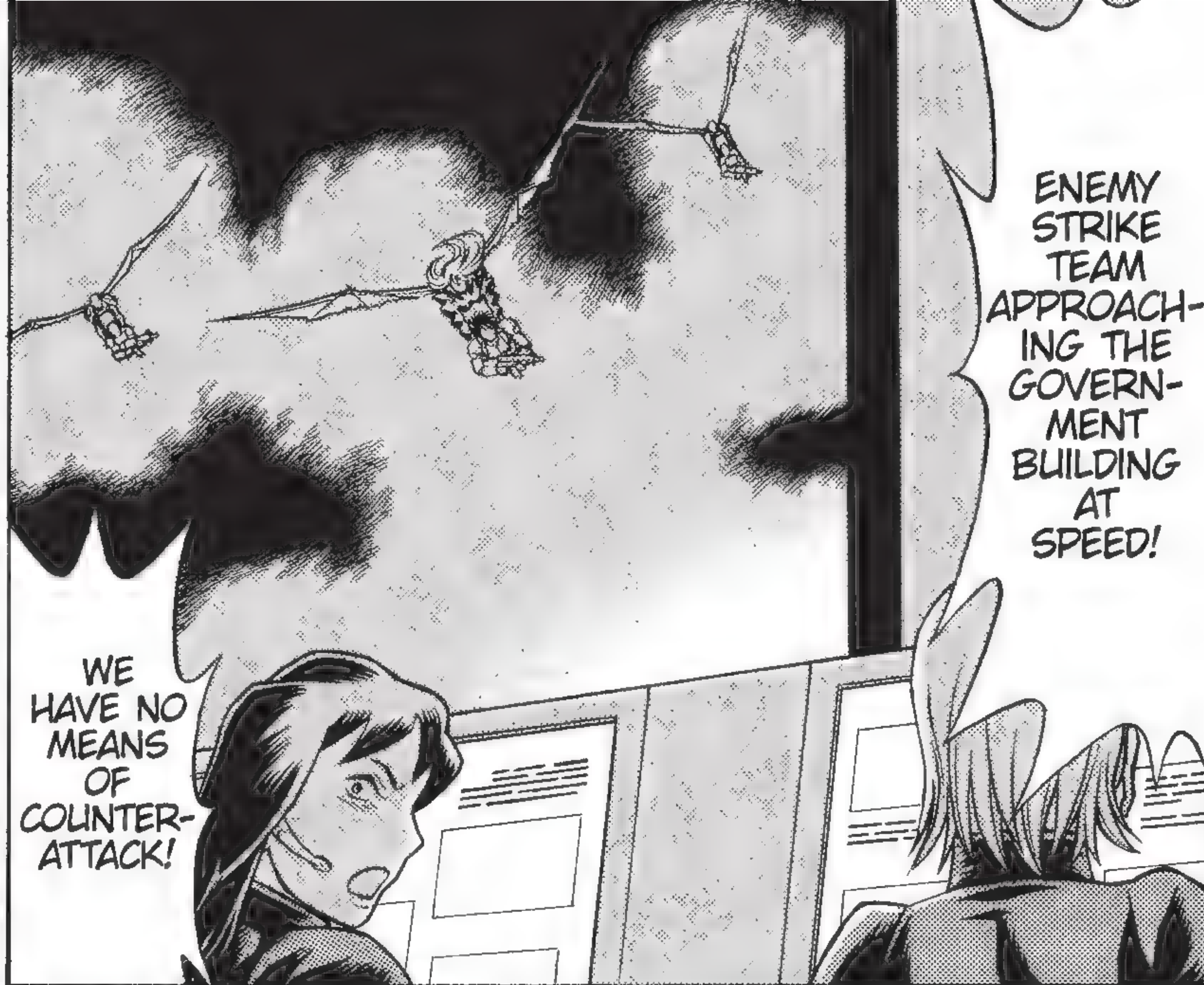
WE HAVE
MADE IT
THROUGH
THE AIR
DEFENSE
SYSTEM!!



ENEMY STRIKE TEAM?

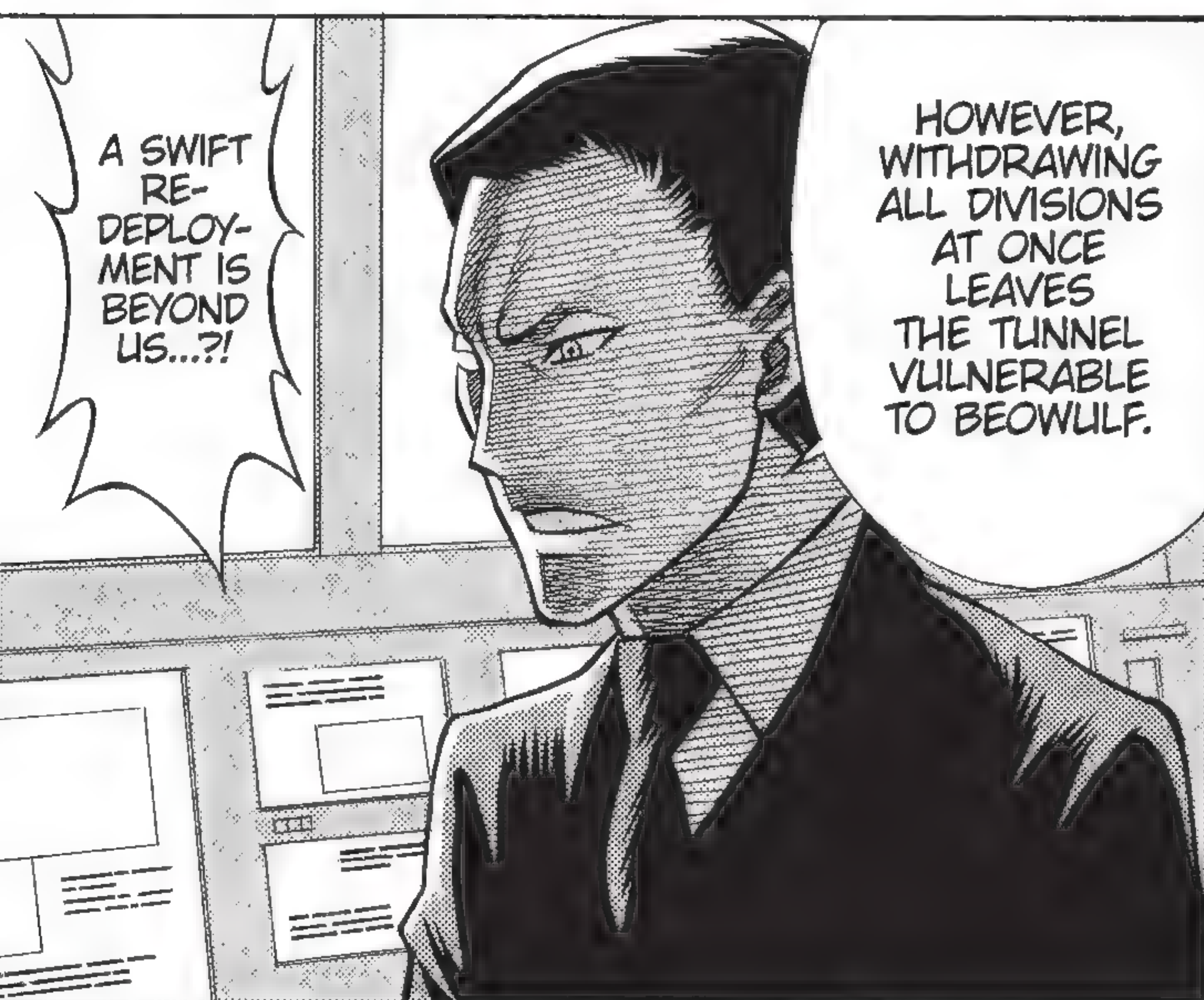
B-BUT THAT'S PRINCESS MINA!

I... I KNOW, BUT...!



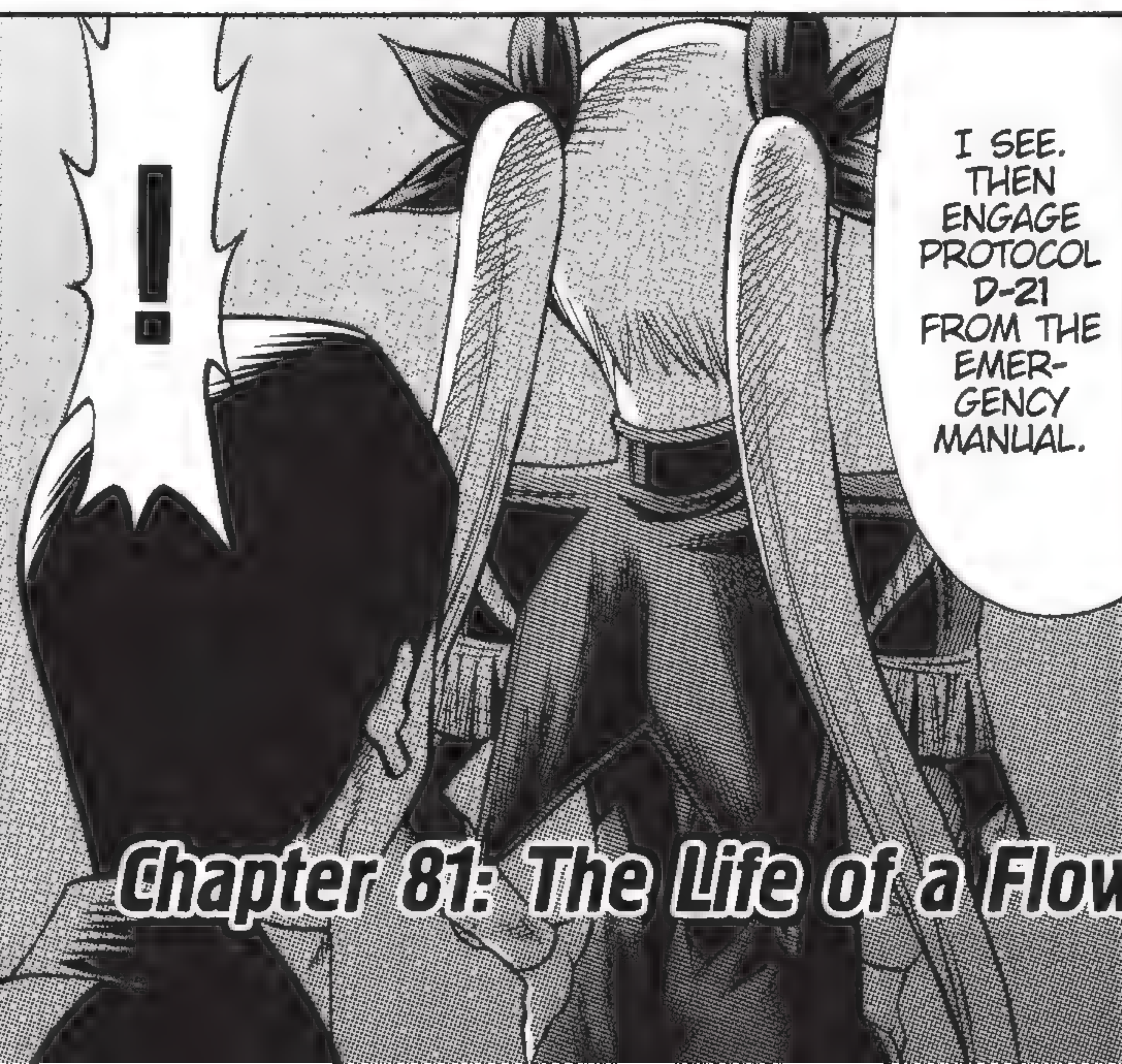
ENEMY STRIKE TEAM APPROACHING THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AT SPEED!

WE HAVE NO MEANS OF COUNTER-ATTACK!



A SWIFT RE-DEPLOYMENT IS BEYOND US...?!

HOWEVER, WITHDRAWING ALL DIVISIONS AT ONCE LEAVES THE TUNNEL VULNERABLE TO BEOWULF.



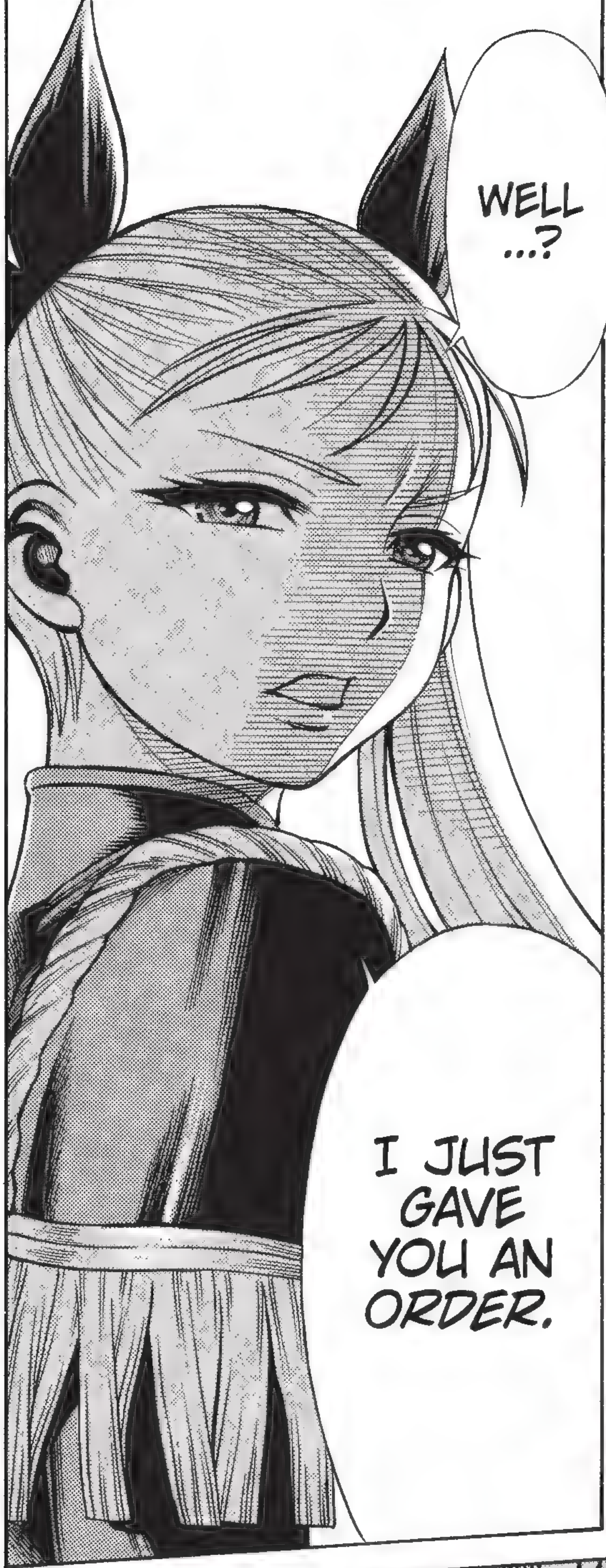
I SEE. THEN ENGAGE PROTOCOL D-21 FROM THE EMERGENCY MANUAL.



WITHDRAW THE VGS FROM THE TUNNEL IMMEDIATELY, AND DEPLOY THEM IN DEFENSE OF THIS BUILDING!

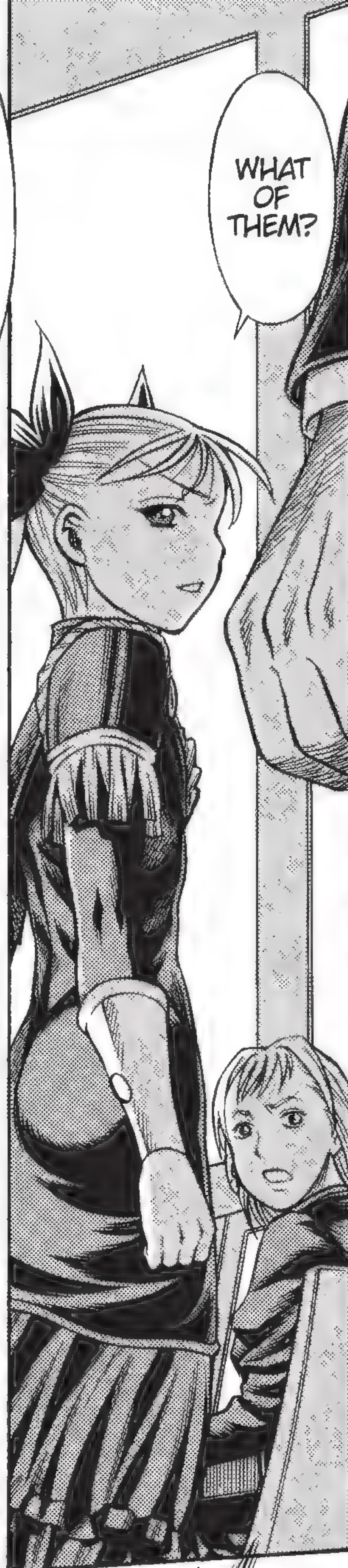
ERM... WE ARE ALREADY DOING SO WITH ALL HASTE, YOUR MAJESTY.

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WELL
...?

I JUST
GAVE
YOU AN
ORDER.



WHAT
OF
THEM?



YOUR
MAJESTY...
DO YOU TRULY
WISH TO
DETONATE
THE TUNNEL
CEILING AND
FLOOD IT WITH
SEAWATER?

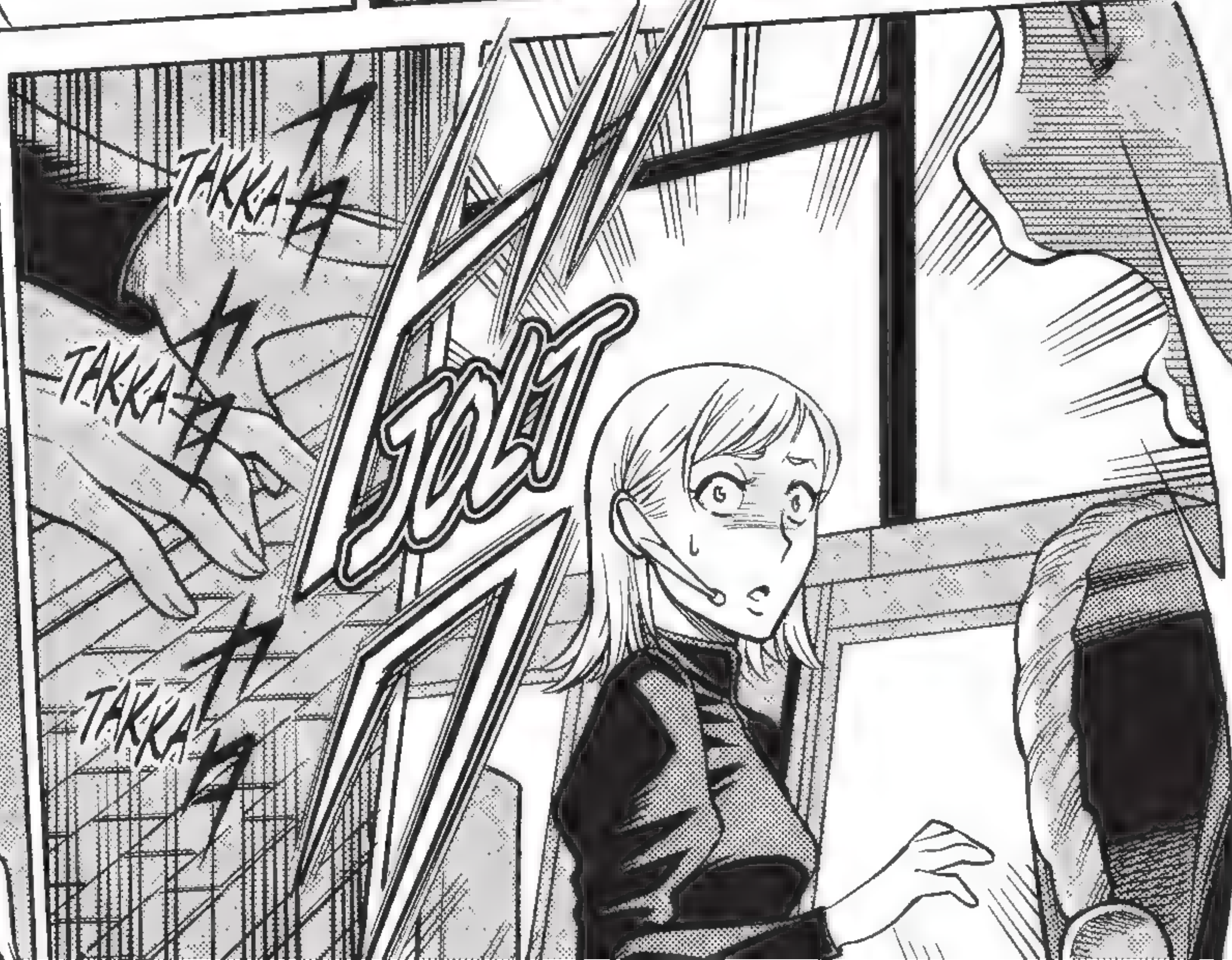
YES.
THAT IS
THE
QUICKEST
WAY OF
DEALING
WITH IT.

BUT
THERE
ARE STILL
VGS
DIVISIONS
WITHIN
THE--



P-
PROTOCOL
D-21...

ENGA--



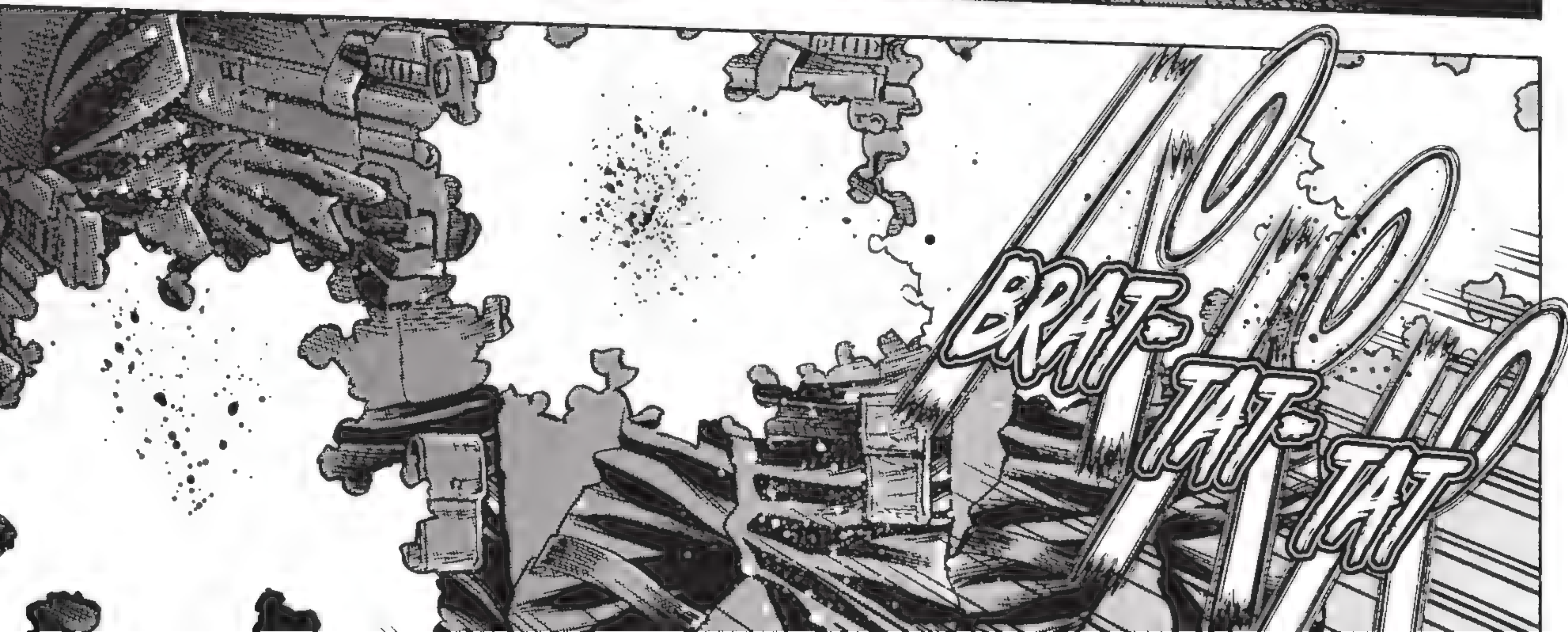
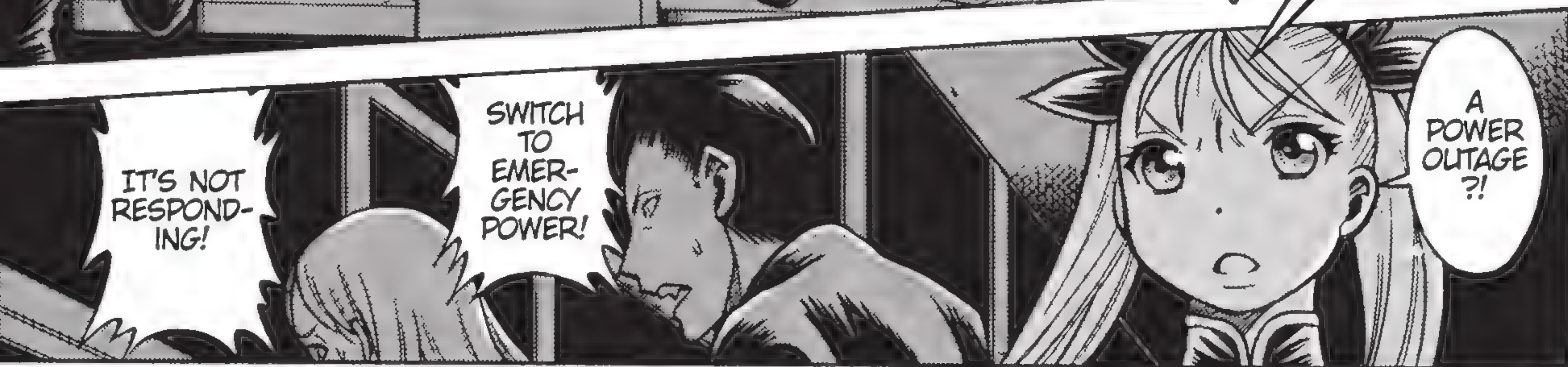
TAKKA

TAKKA

TAKKA

GO!!

DO
IT!!



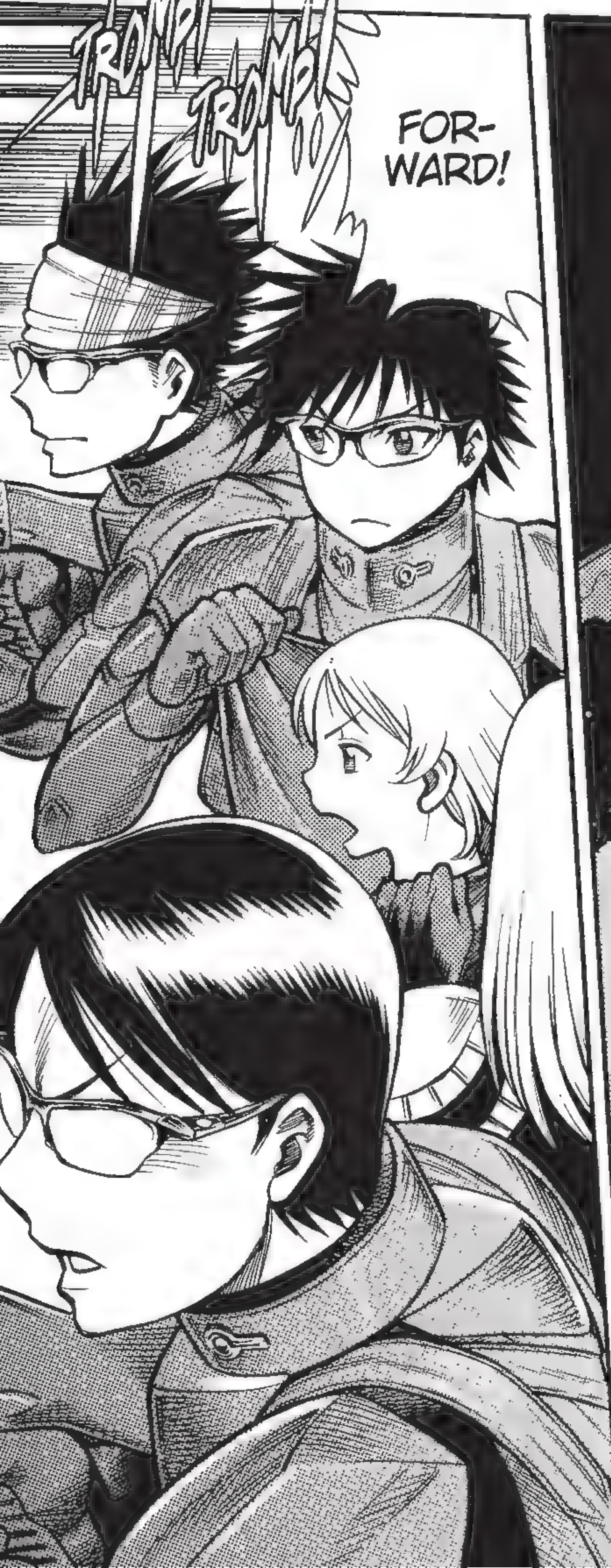
A-A
MASSIVE
SILVER
WEREWOLF
IS LOOSE
IN THE
BUILDING!!

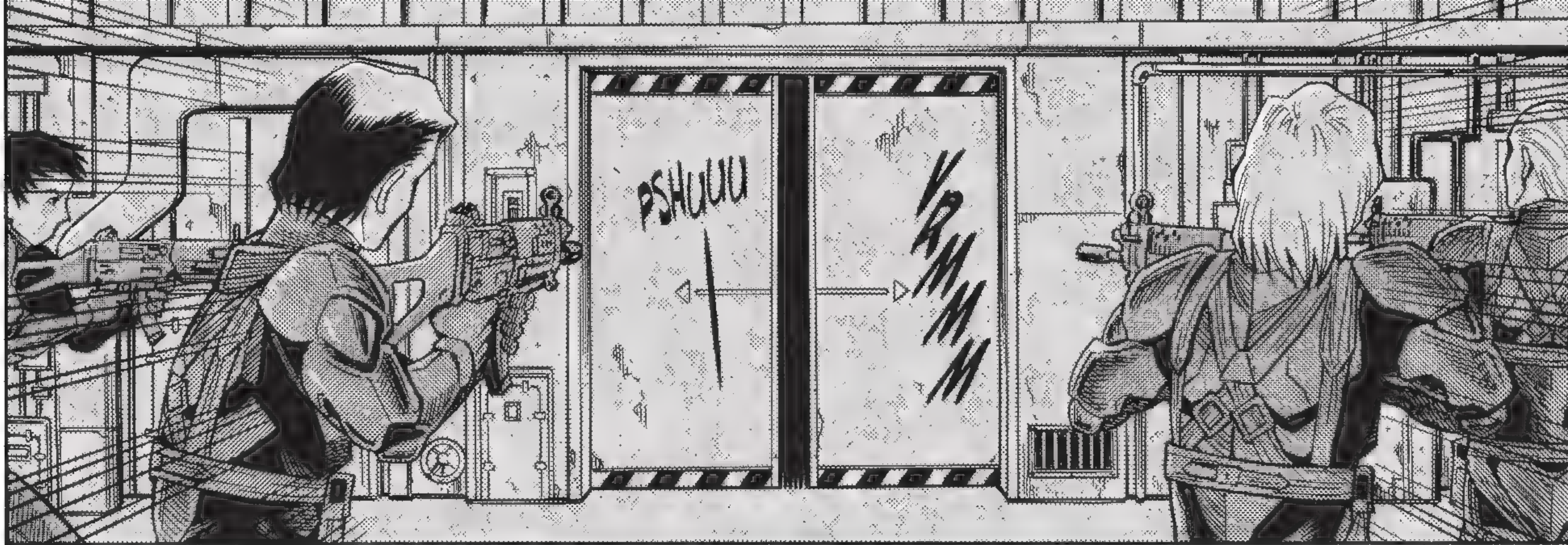
WE
CAN'T
STO--
AAAA-
RRGH!!

A
SILVER
WERE-
WOLF?!

IT
CAN'T
BE!







HA!
AND HERE
I THOUGHT
OUR
ENTRANCE
WAS
FLASHY
ENOUGH...

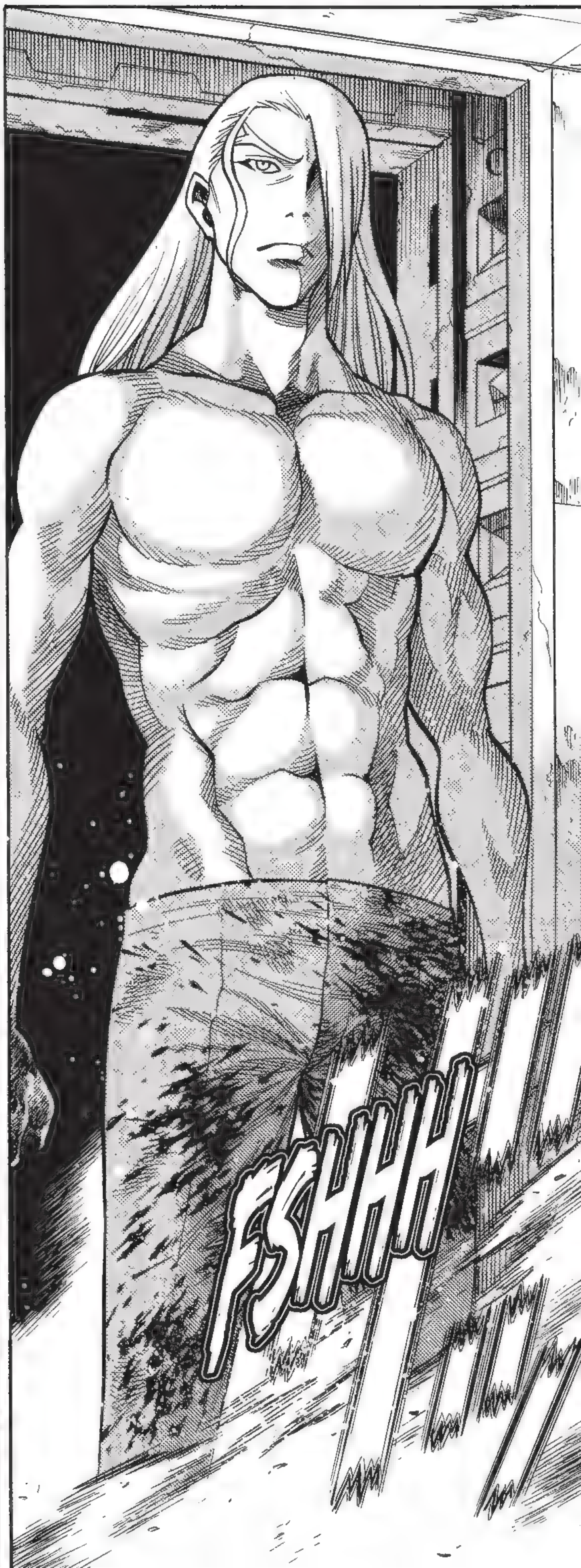
BUT IT
SEEMS YOU
HAVE
STOLEN THE
LIMELIGHT
FROM US.



YOUR
MAJESTY.
I HAVE
LONG
AWAITED
YOUR
RETURN.
WELCOME.



APPROXI-
MATELY
HALF OF
THE
OPPOSING
FORCES
REMAIN.
PLEASE
PROCEED
AS YOU
SEE FIT.





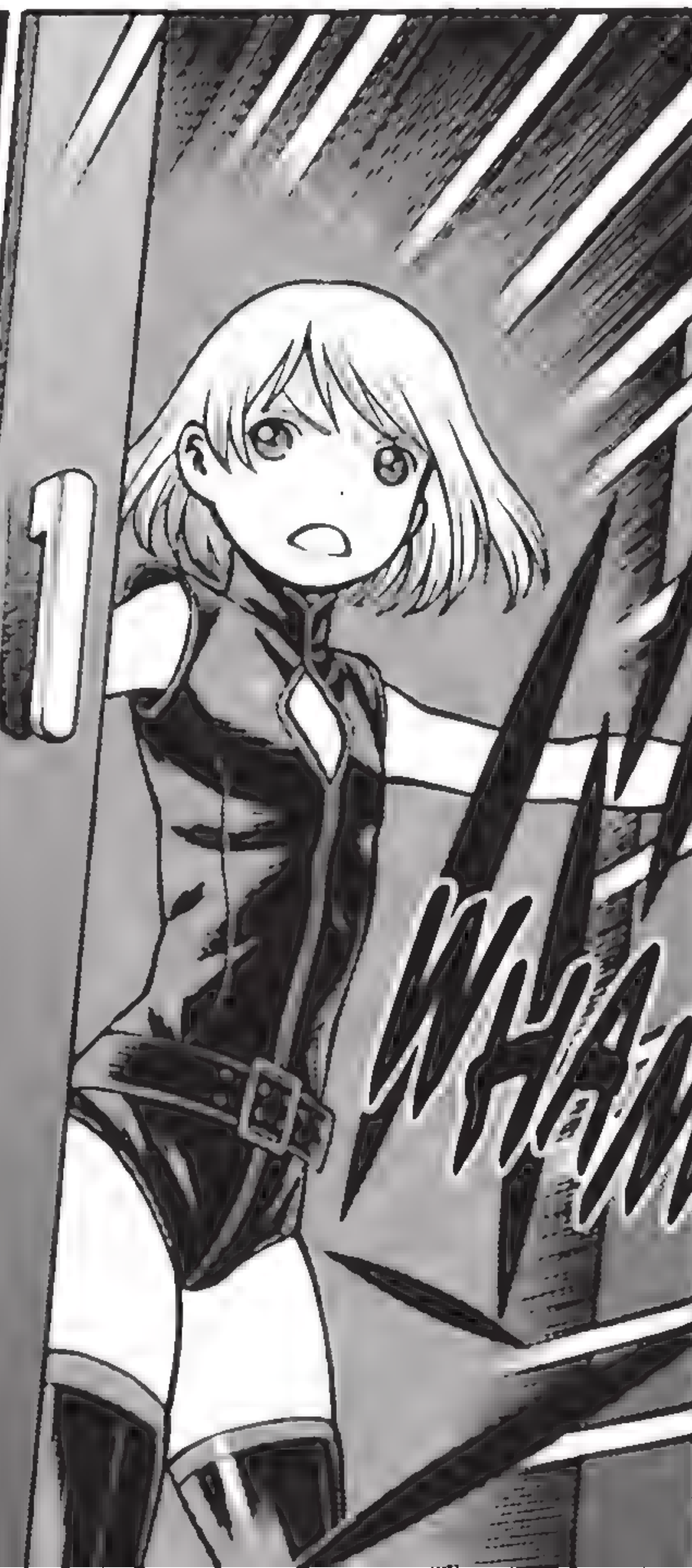
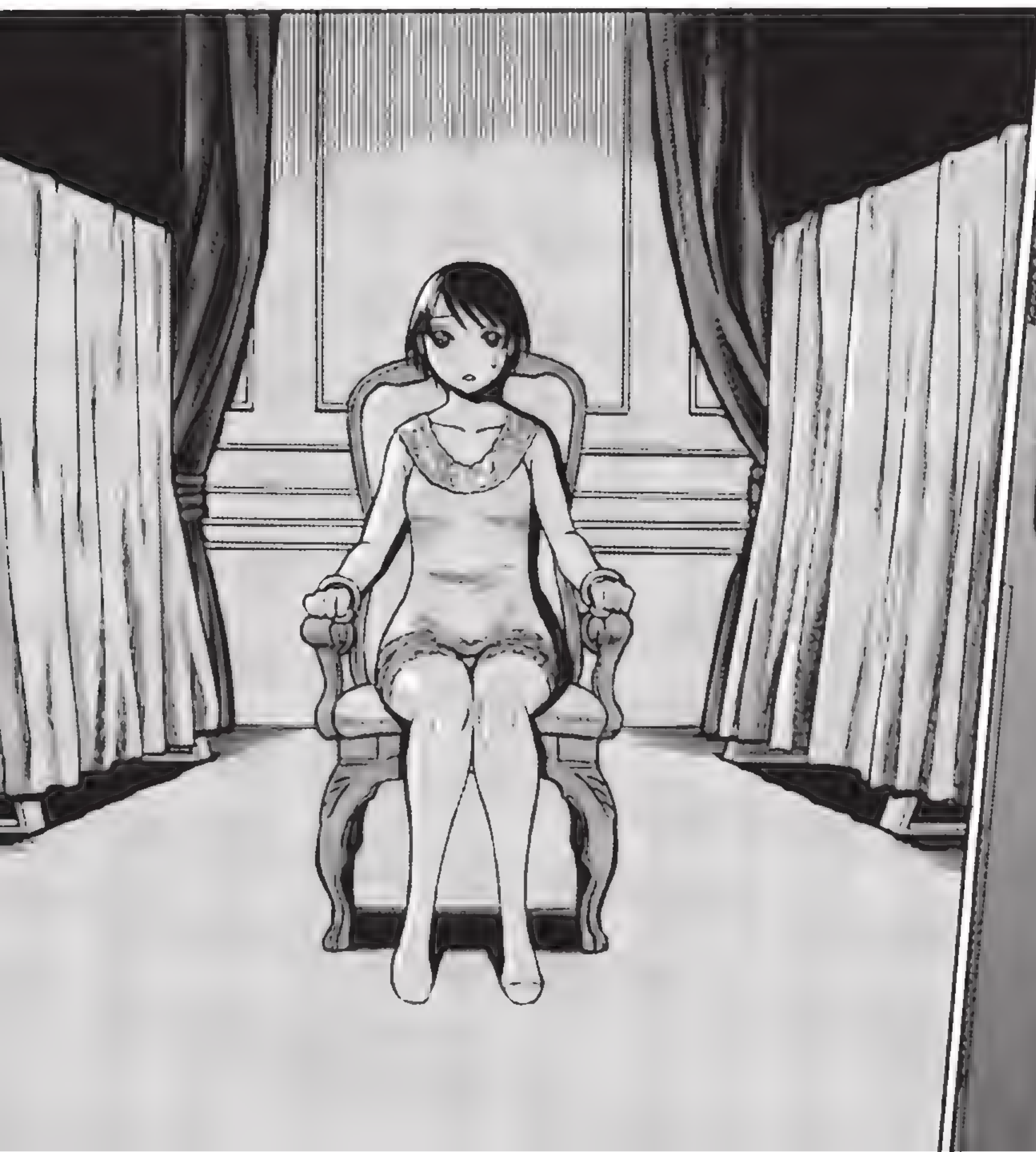
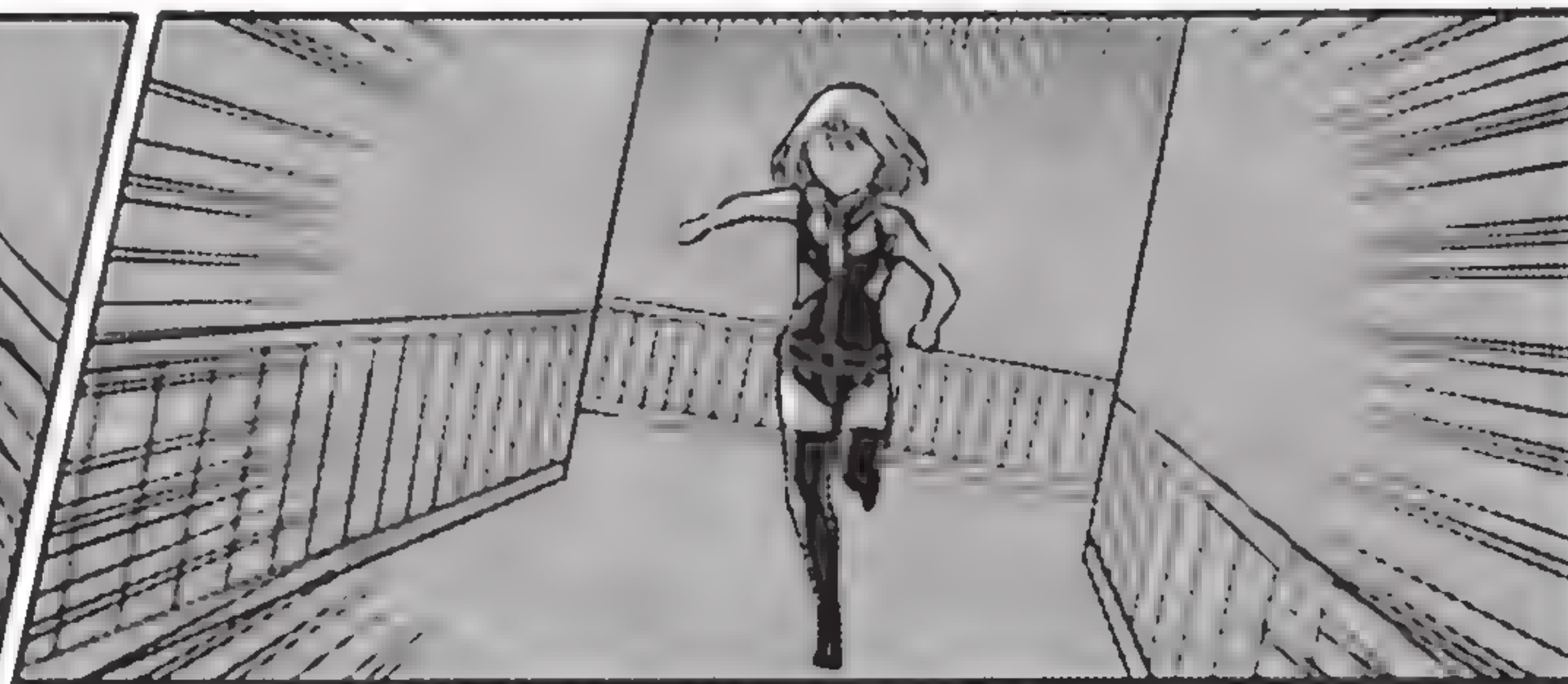
I HAVE
SOME-
WHERE
ELSE I
MUST
GO!

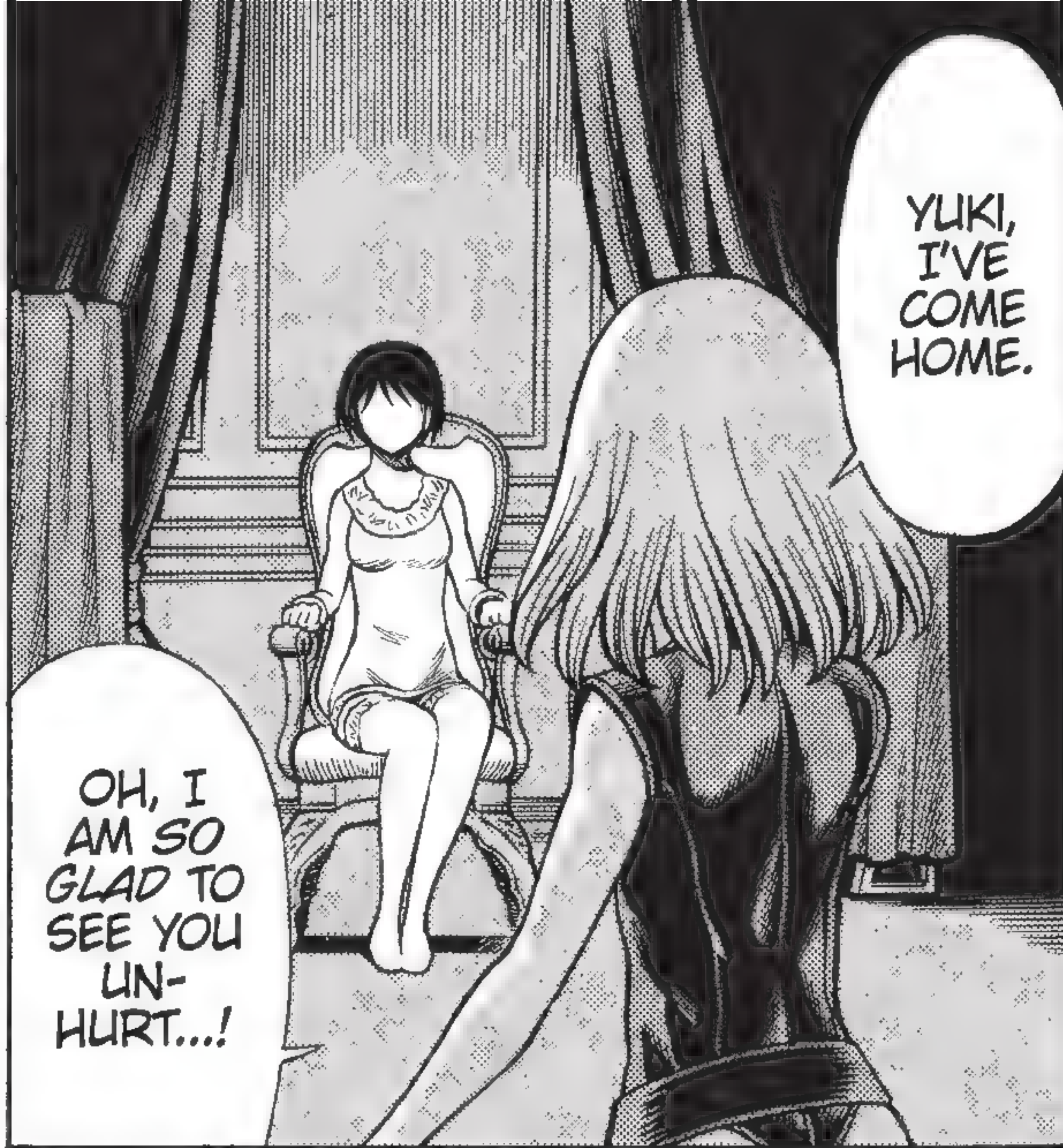
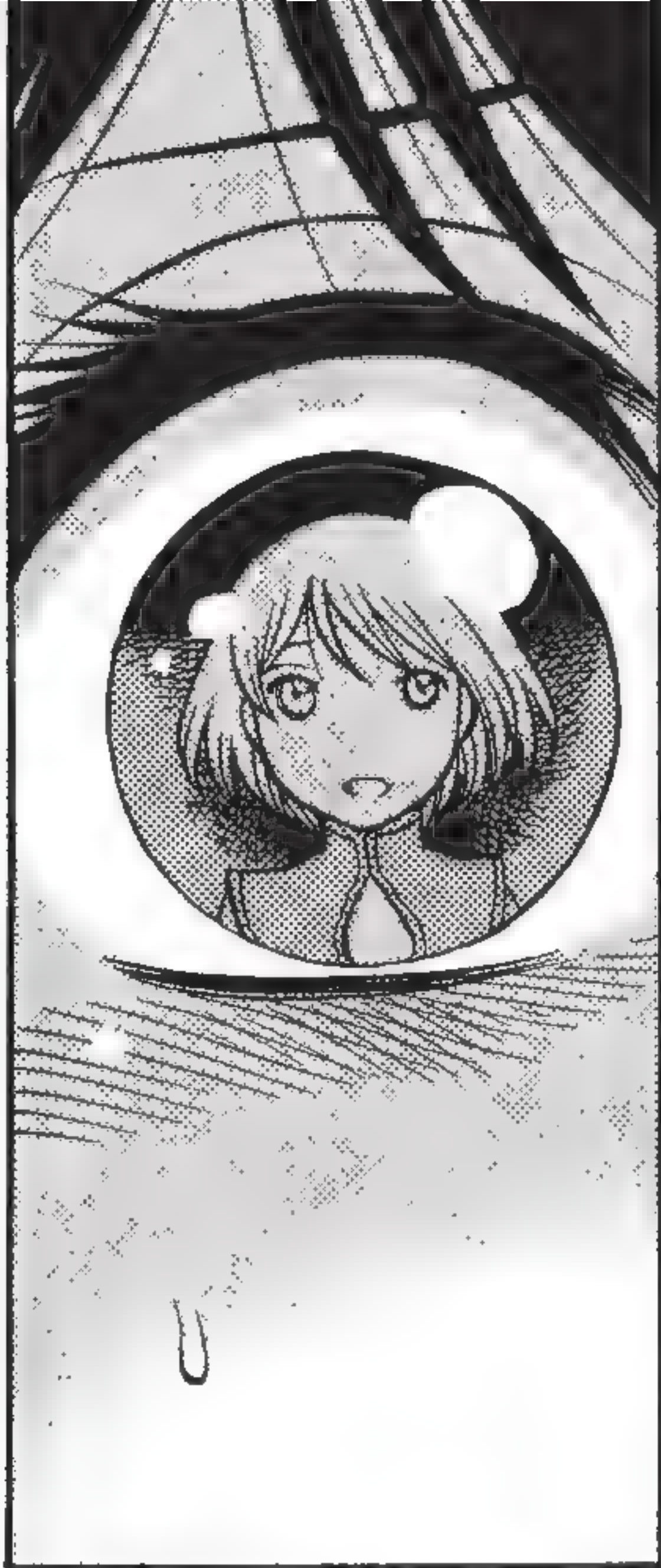


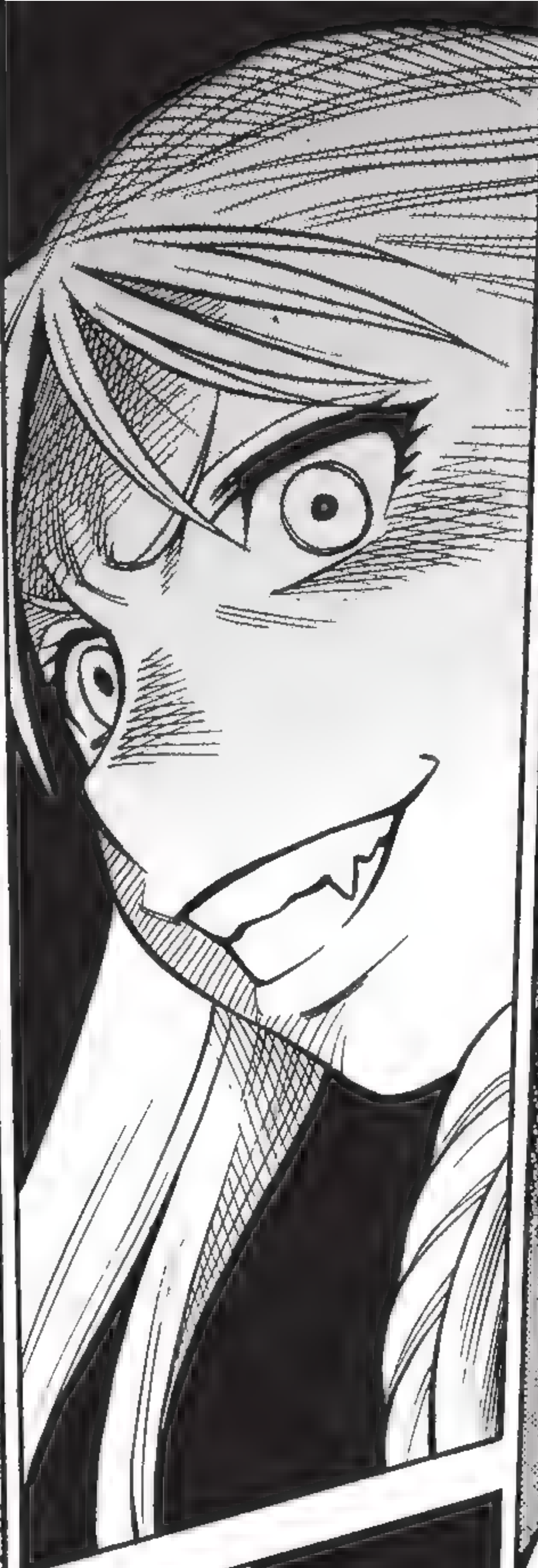
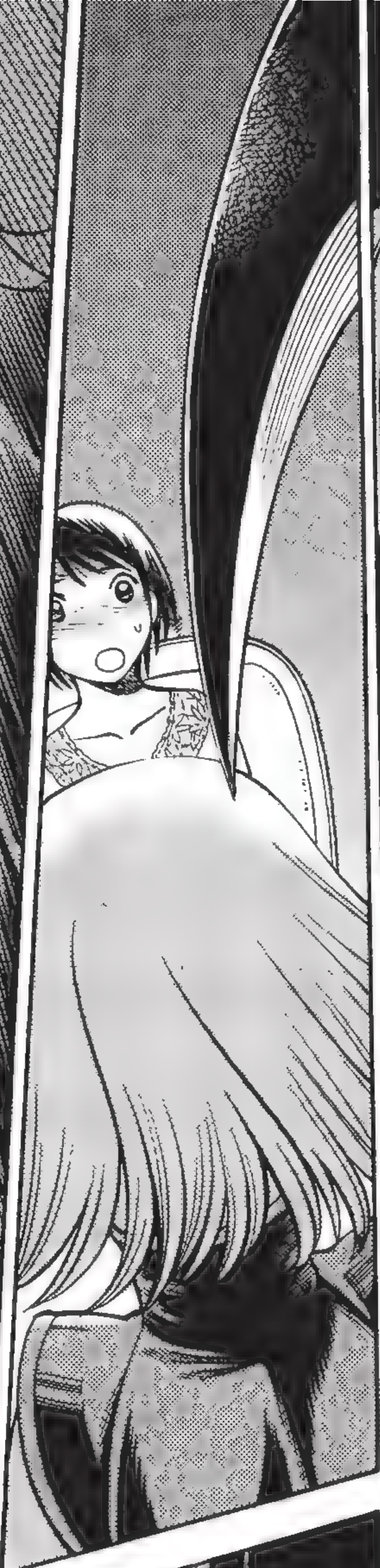
EXCEL-
LENT!
LET US
FINISH
THIS IN
ONE
STRIKE!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

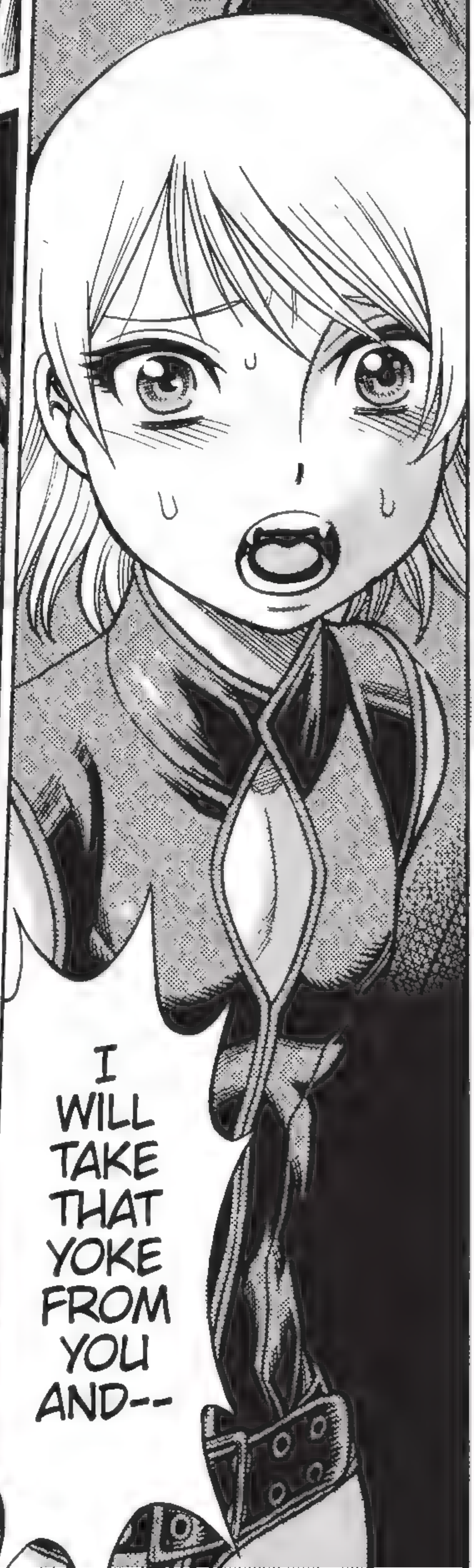
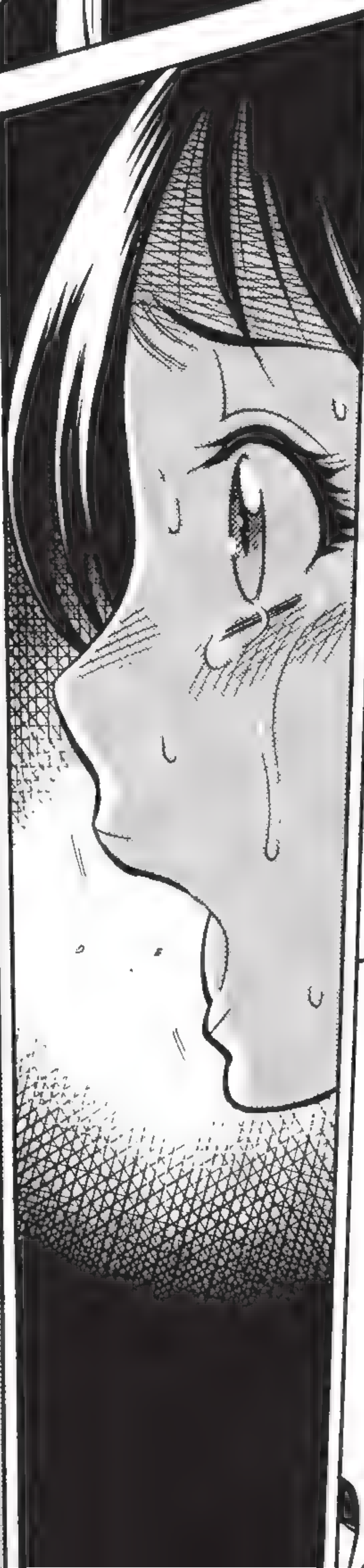
AKIRA,
YOU AND
THE
OTHERS
GO WITH
WOLFGANG!







WAIT
JUST
ONE
MO-
MENT,
OKAY?



I
WILL
TAKE
THAT
YOKE
FROM
YOU
AND--

BEHIND
YOU!!

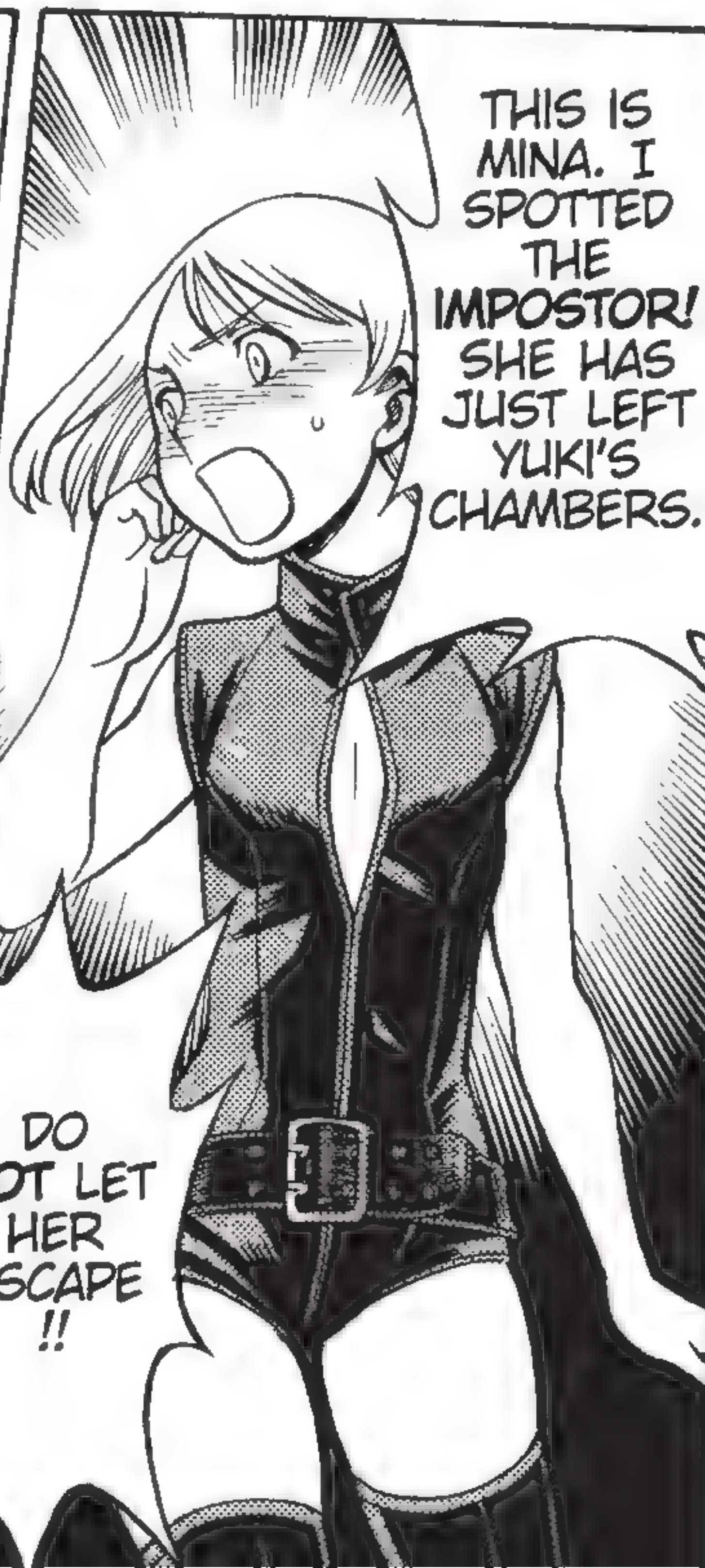
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I

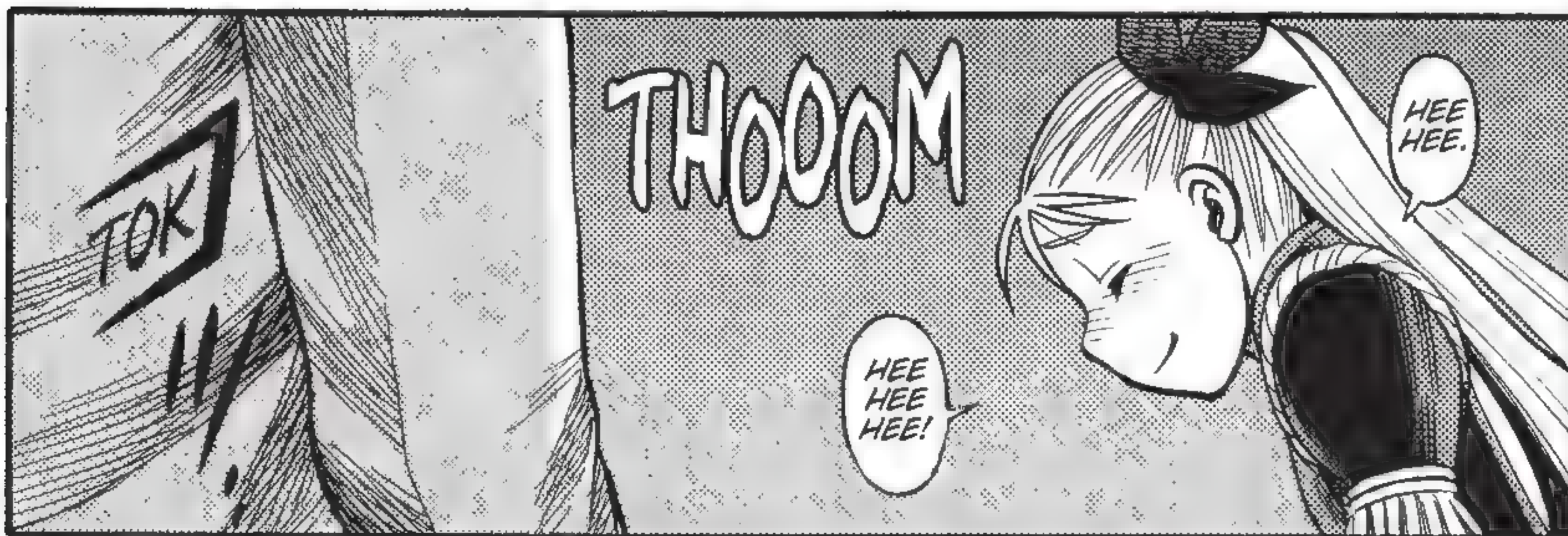
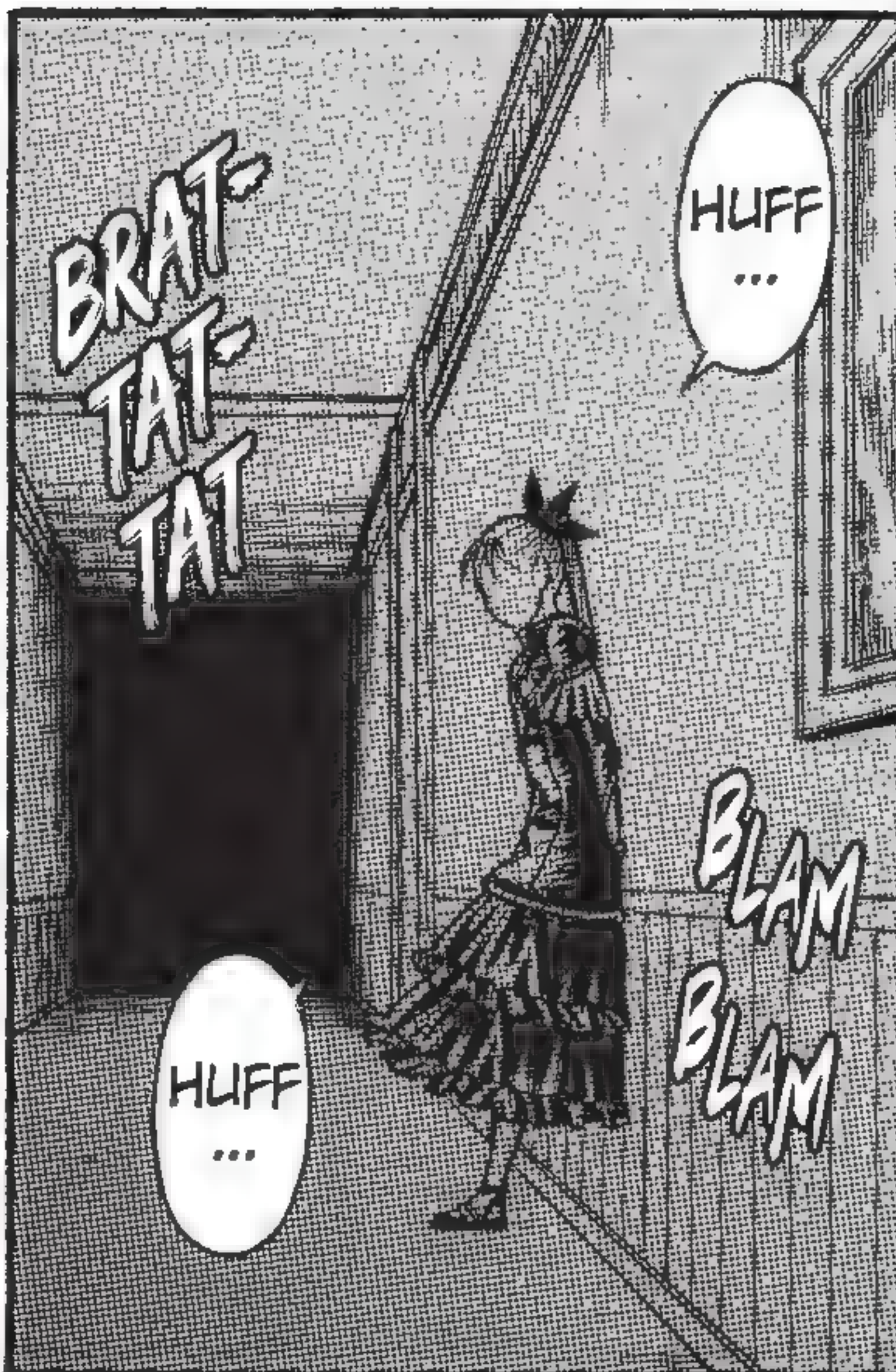
M
E
I

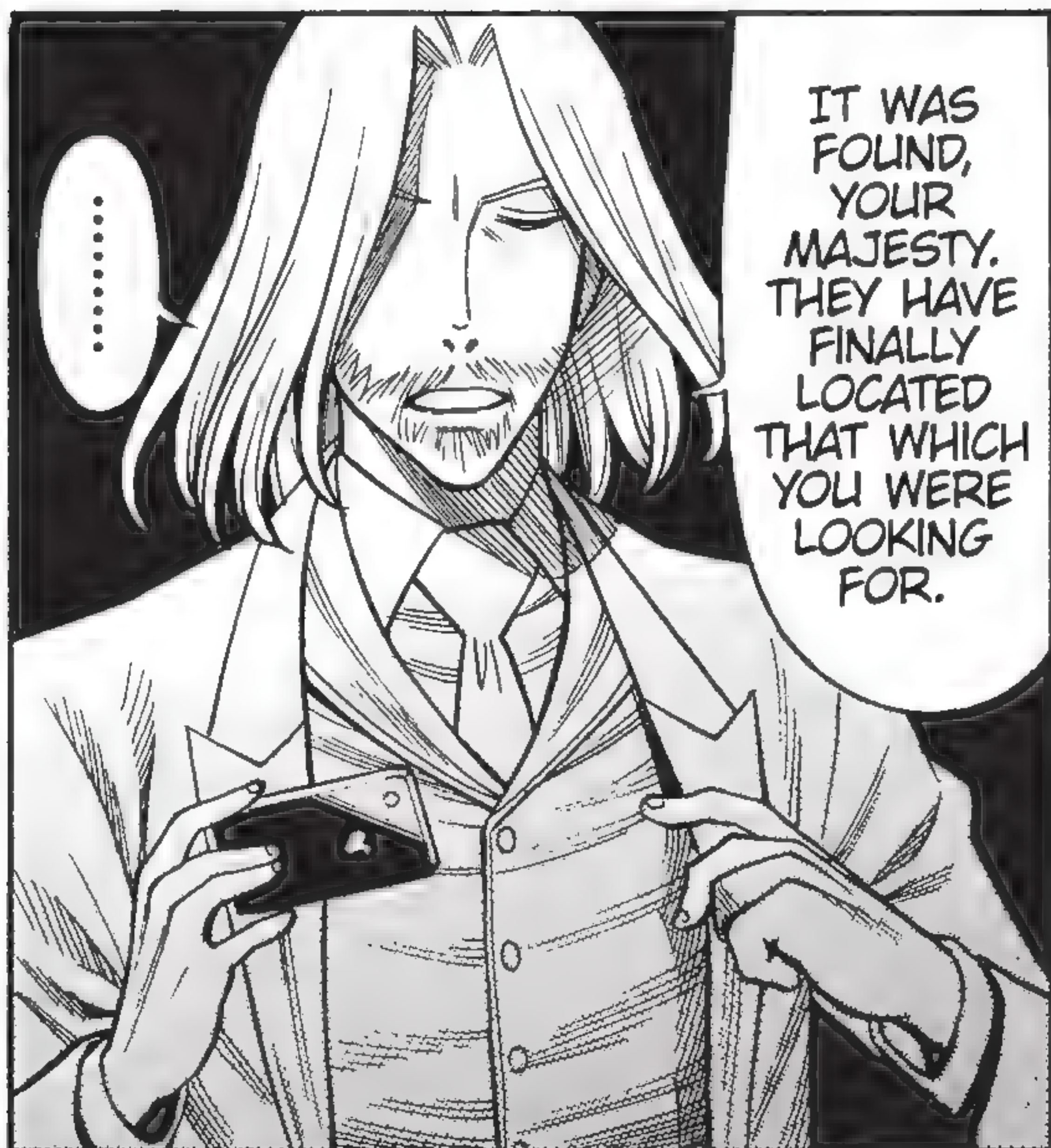
BE-
HIND
YOU
!!!

S
A
M
A
A
A
A
!!!

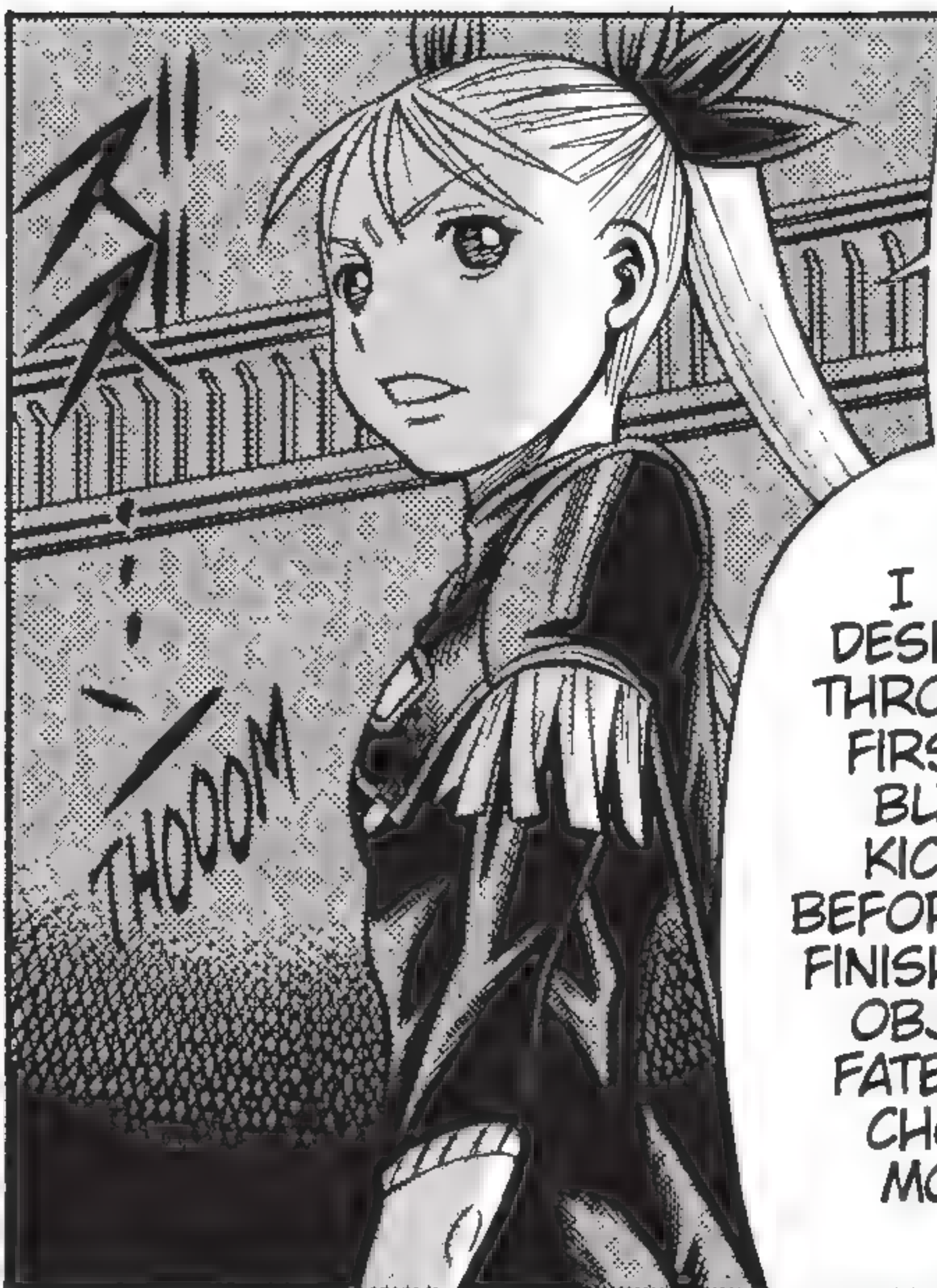
WASH







IT WAS FOUND, YOUR MAJESTY. THEY HAVE FINALLY LOCATED THAT WHICH YOU WERE LOOKING FOR.



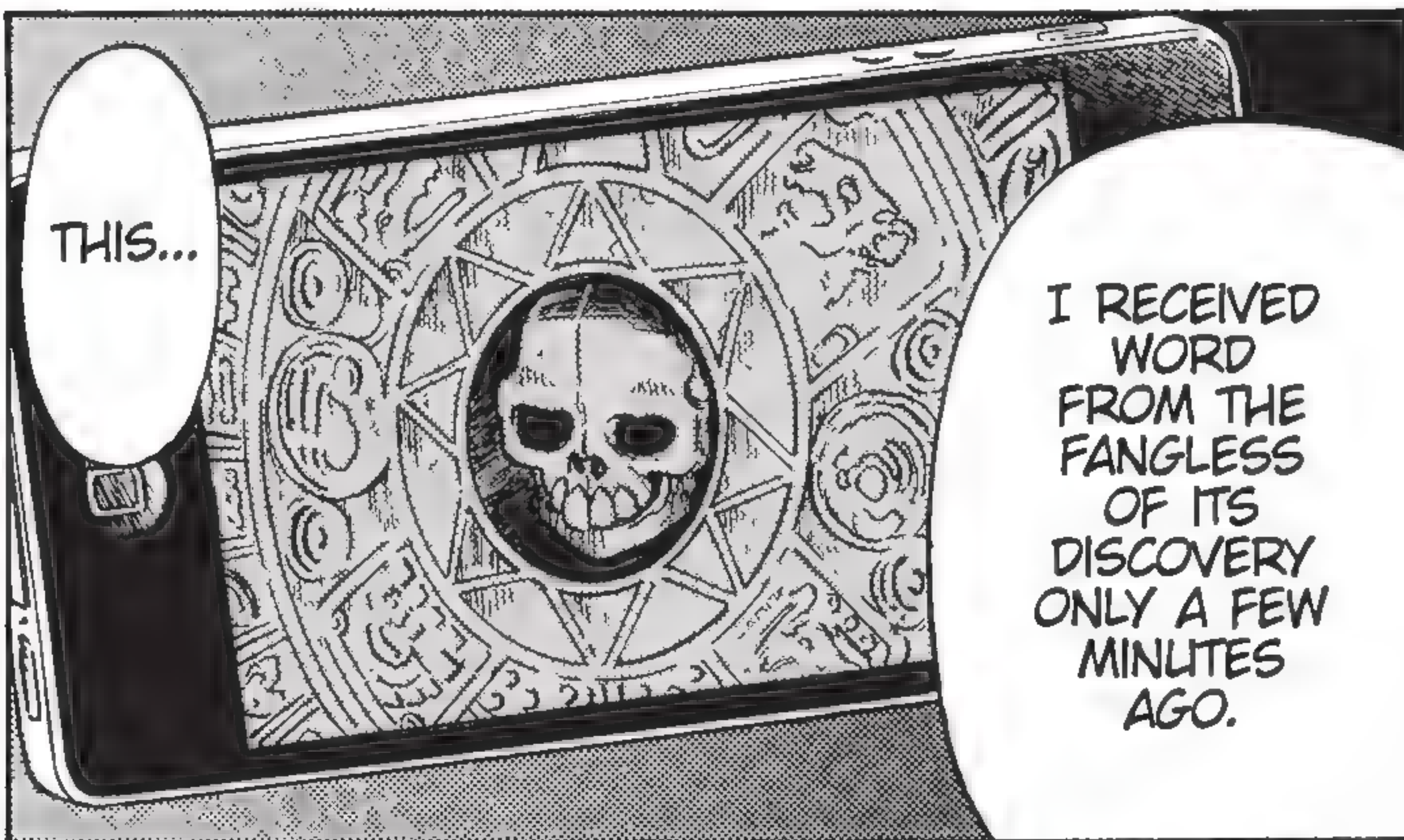
IT LOOKS AS IF WE HAVE REACHED THE END.

I HAD NO DESIRE FOR A THRONE IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT TO BE KICKED OUT BEFORE I COULD FINISH MY TRUE OBJECTIVE... FATE MUST'VE CHOSEN TO MOCK ME.



IS IT!

EXCEL-
LENT!



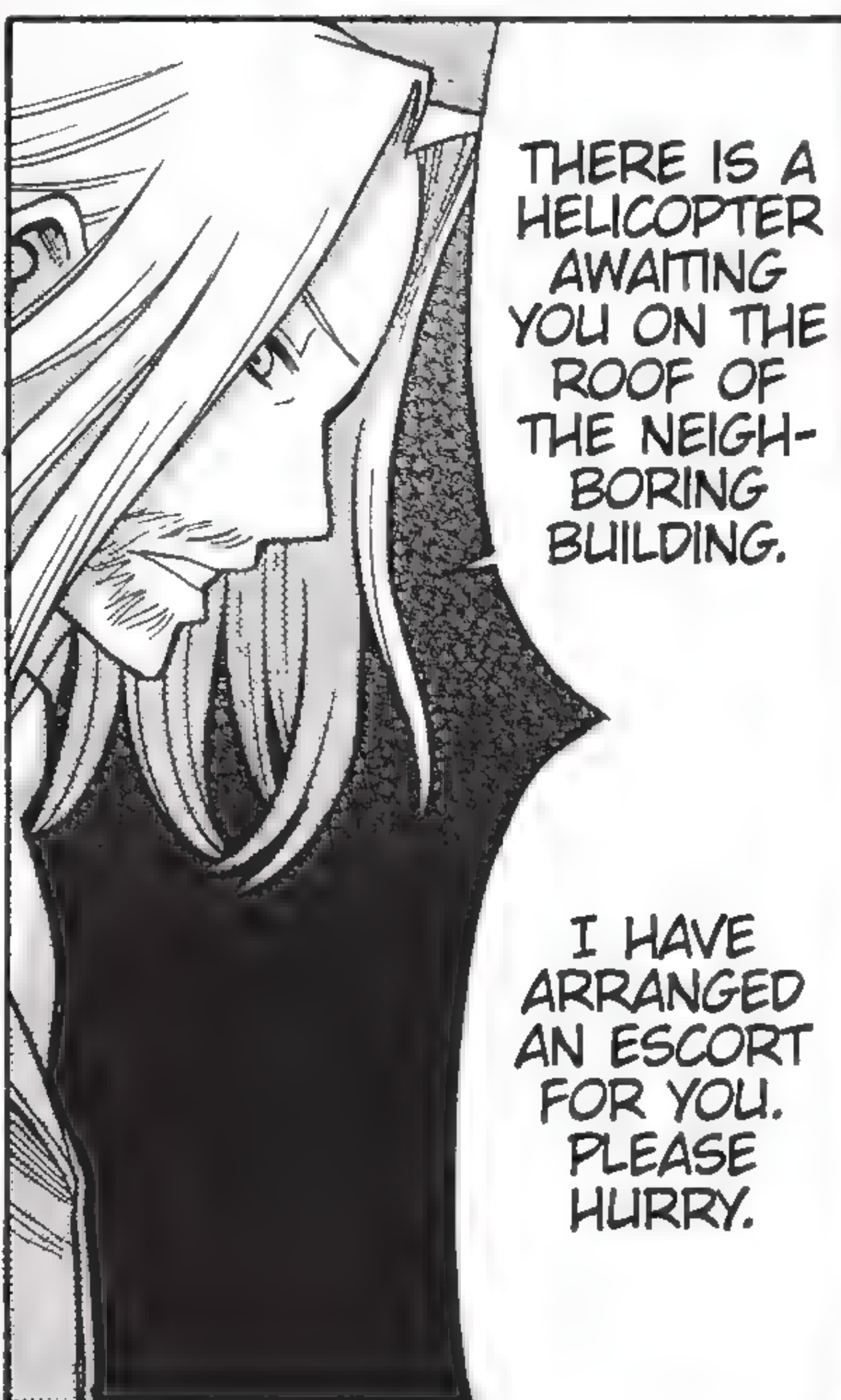
THIS...

I RECEIVED WORD FROM THE FANGLESS OF ITS DISCOVERY ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO.



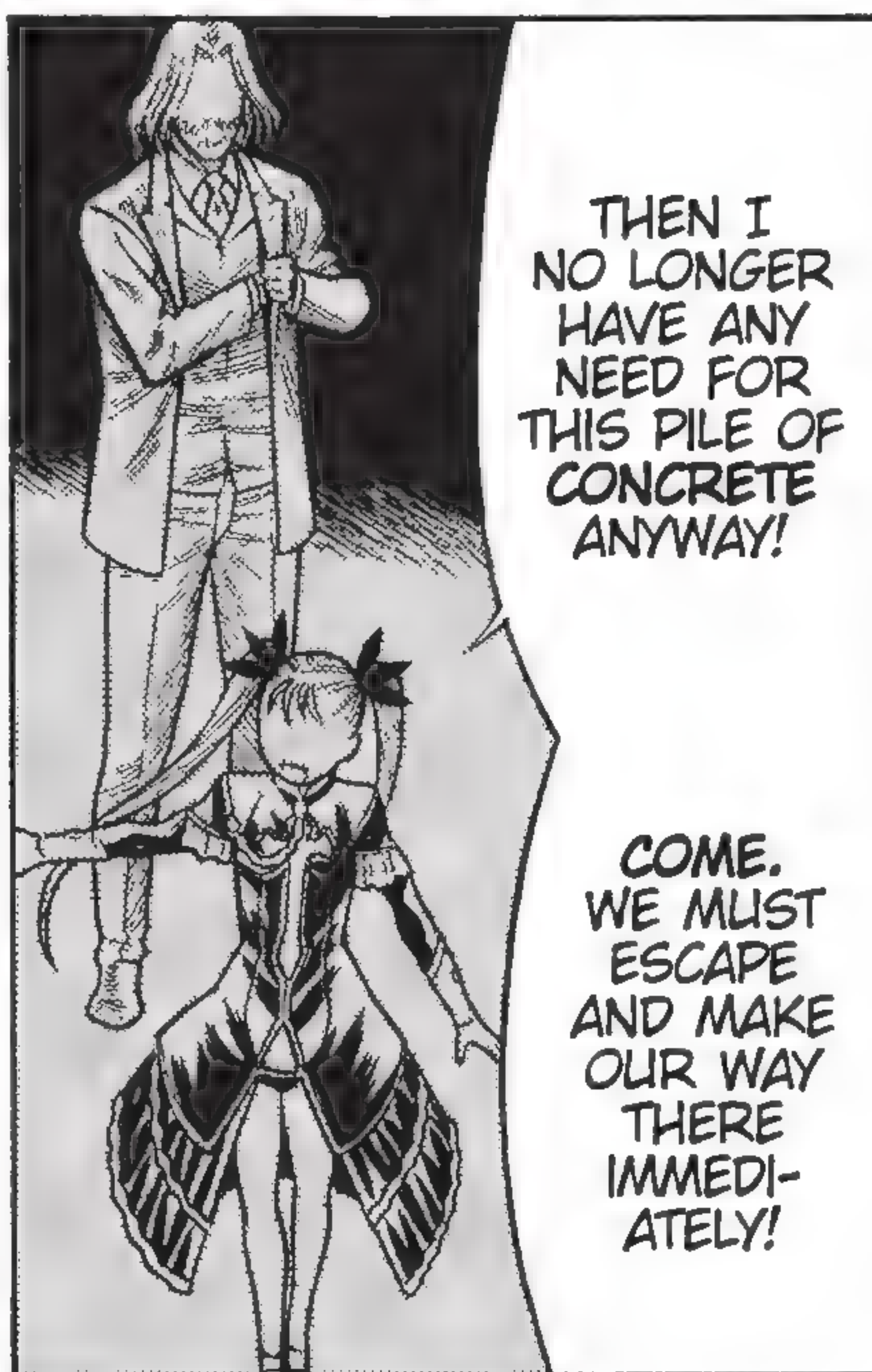
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

ARE YOU NOT COMING AS WELL?



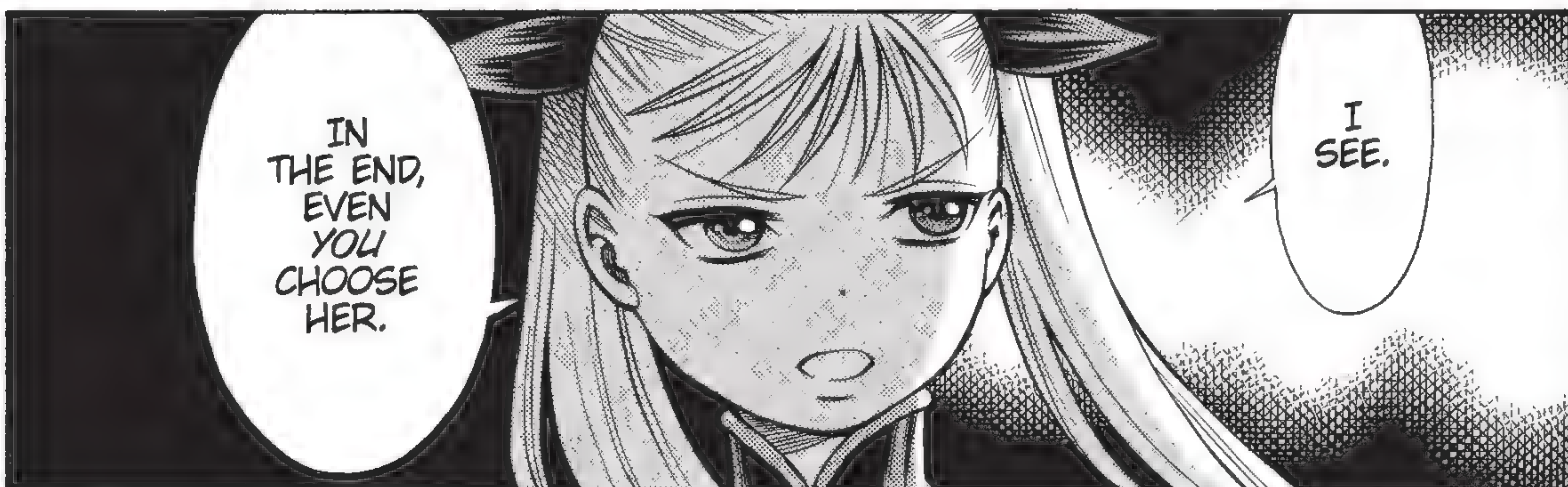
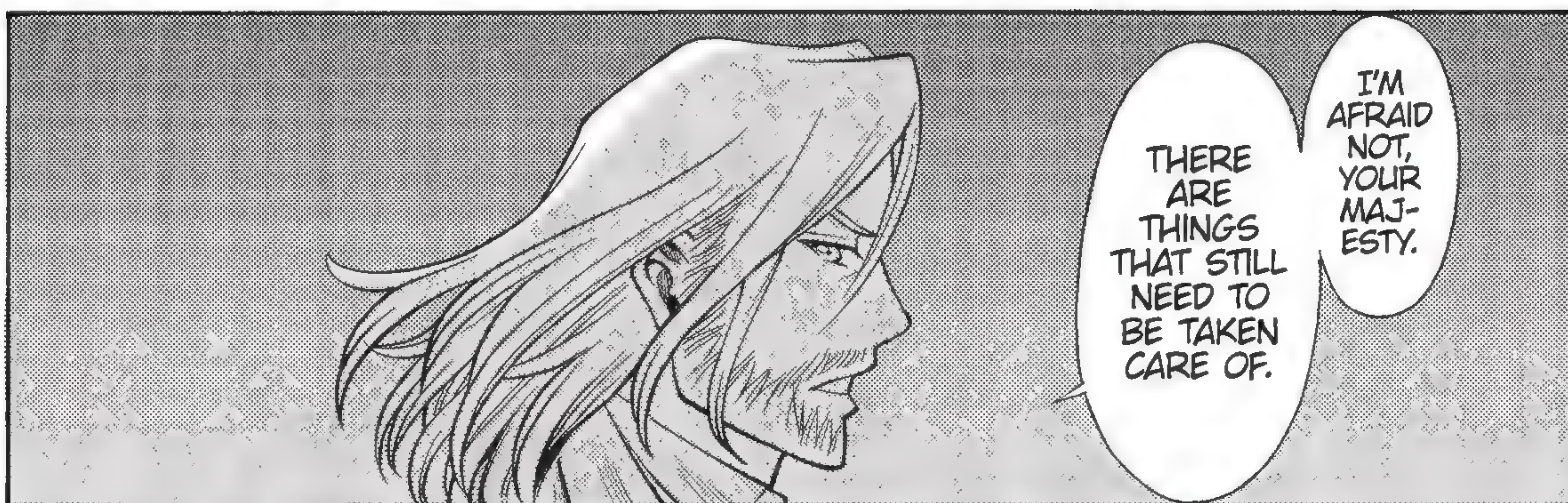
THERE IS A HELICOPTER AWAITING YOU ON THE ROOF OF THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING.

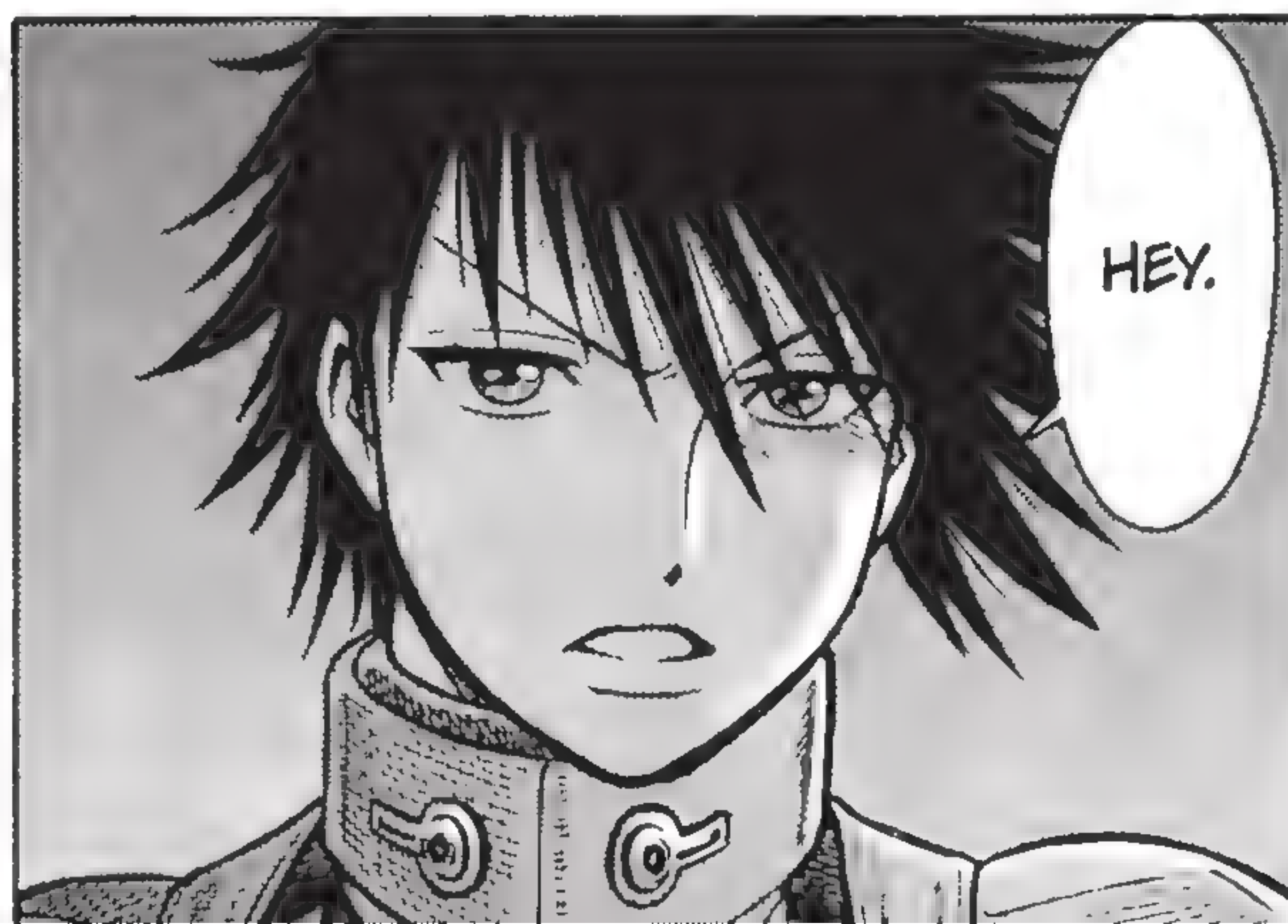
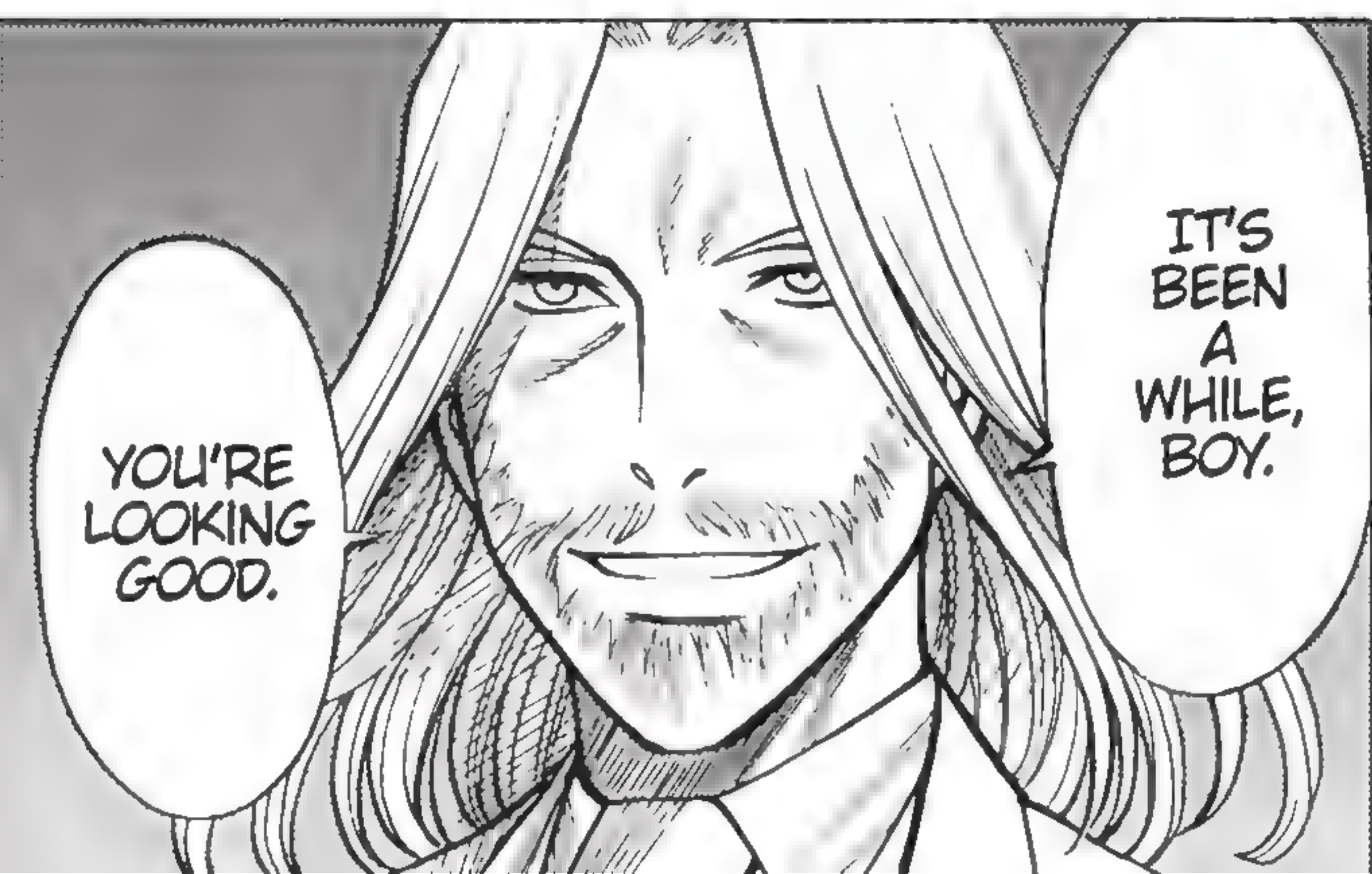
I HAVE ARRANGED AN ESCORT FOR YOU. PLEASE HURRY.



THEN I NO LONGER HAVE ANY NEED FOR THIS PILE OF CONCRETE ANYWAY!

COME. WE MUST ESCAPE AND MAKE OUR WAY THERE IMMEDIATELY!







IF YOU
WANT TO
KNOW,
YOU WILL
HAVE TO
BEAT ME
FIRST.



GOOD
QUES-
TION.

WHERE
IS
SHE?

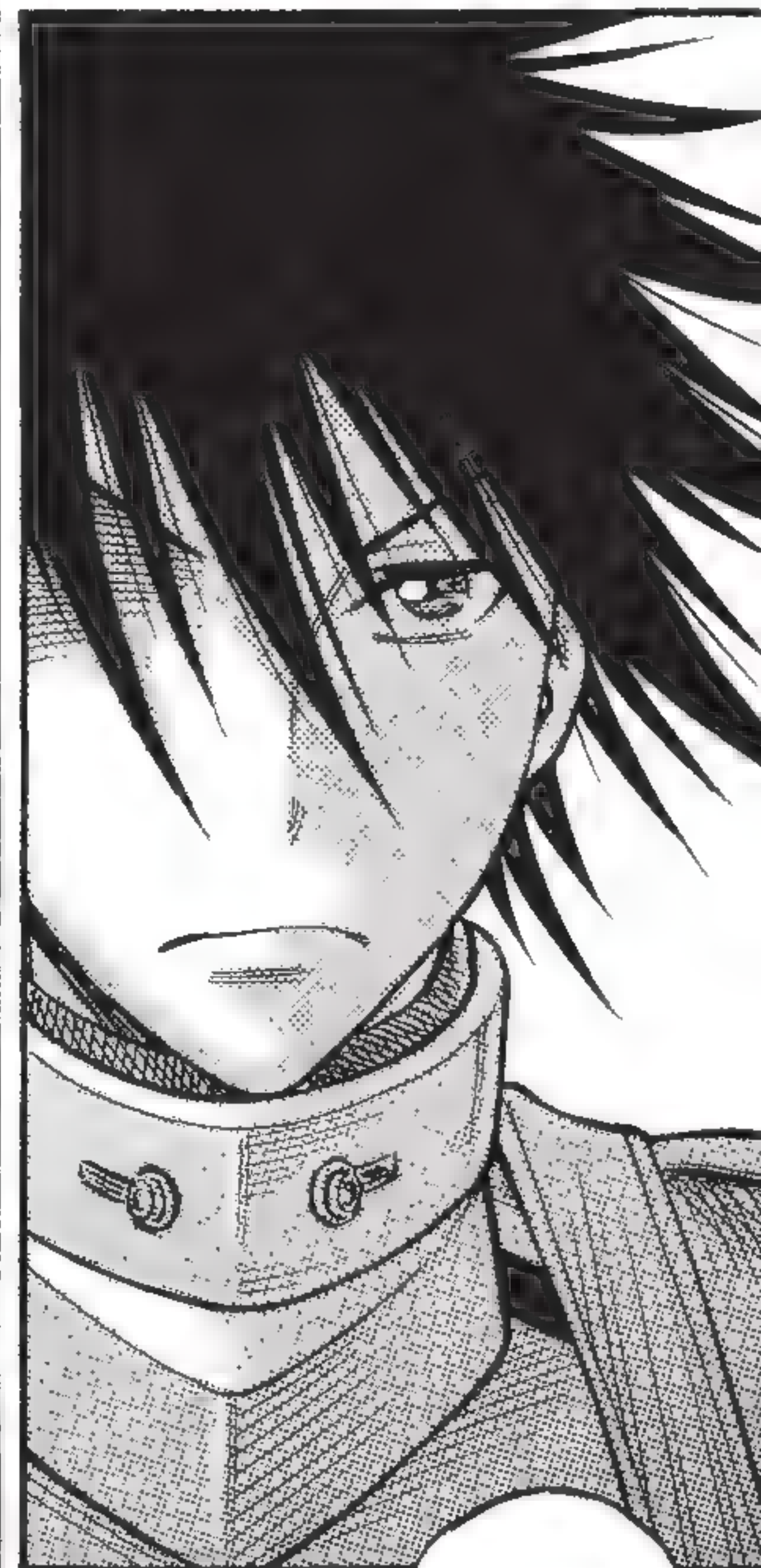


I CAN'T
SAY I
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING
JUST
YET...

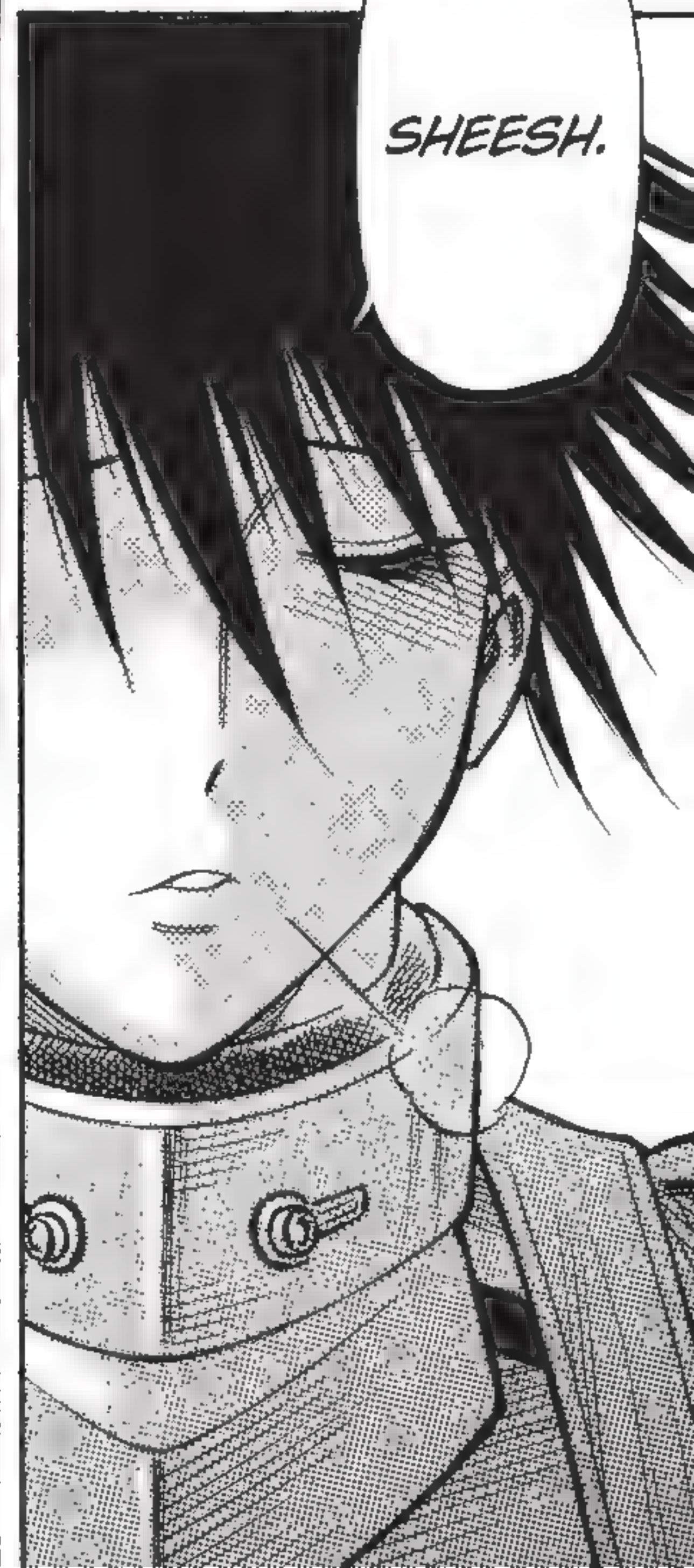


WHAT
SAY WE
JUST
QUIT
ALL THIS,
OKAY?

WE DON'T
NEED THE
DUMB ACTS
ANYMORE.



SHEESH.

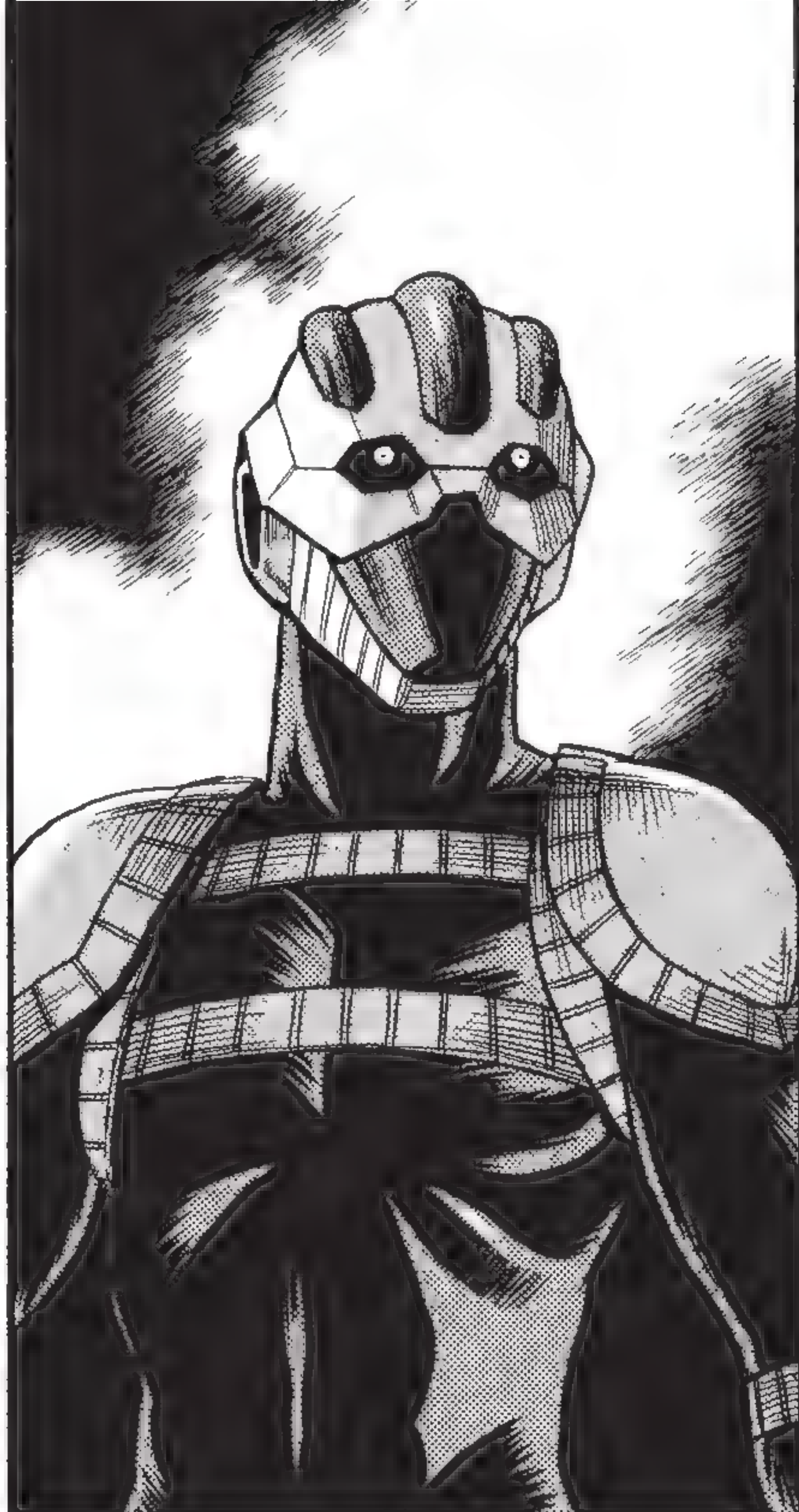




I THINK I'VE FIGURED OUT WHO IT IS YOU'RE WORKING FOR, MR. MASK.

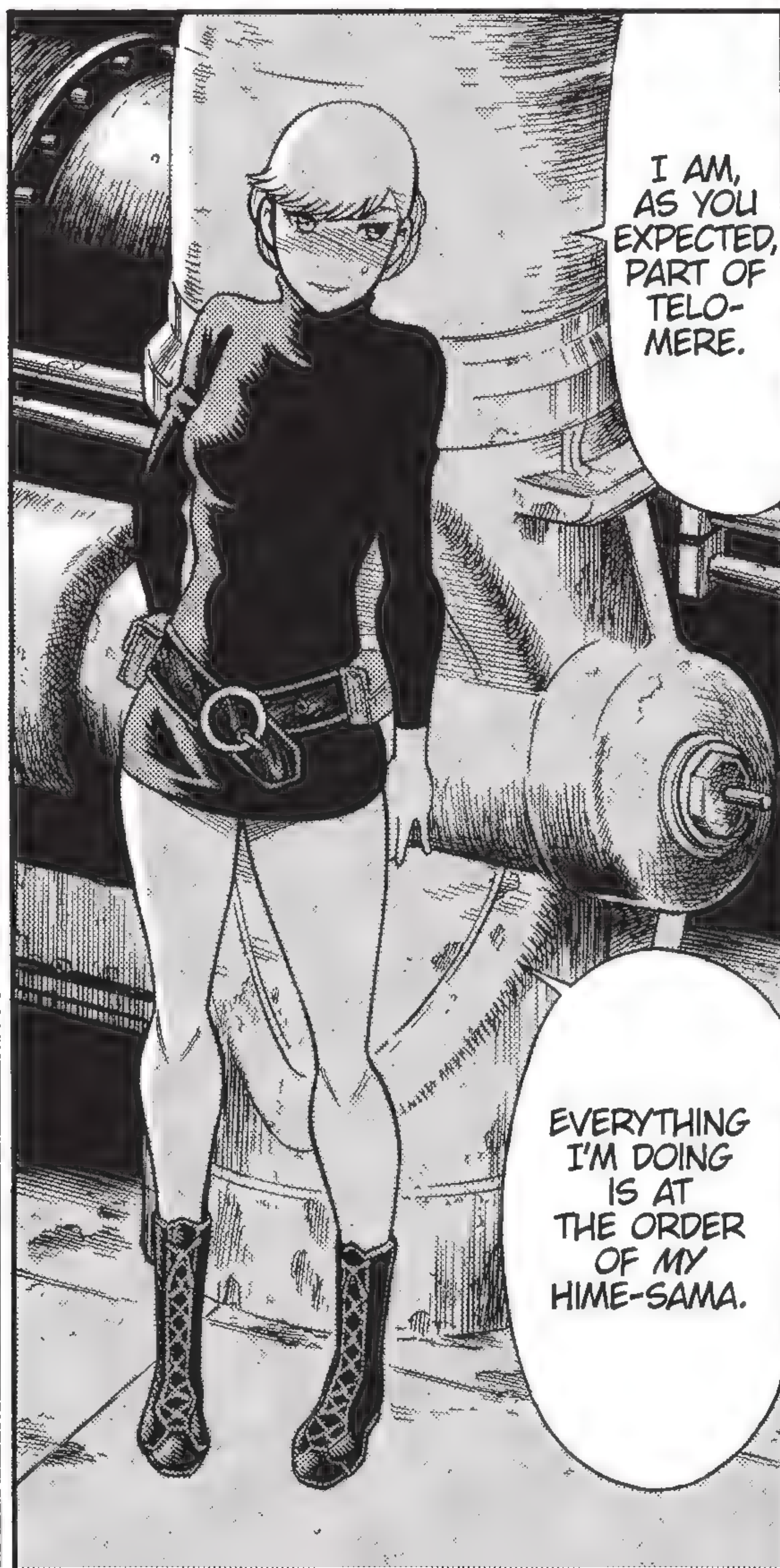
YOU KNOW...

!



THOUGHT SO.

YOU WERE AIMING TO USE MINMEI AND THOSE REFUGEES TO KICK OFF A PANDEMIC FROM THE BEGINNING.



I AM, AS YOU EXPECTED, PART OF TELO-MERE.

EVERYTHING I'M DOING IS AT THE ORDER OF MY HIME-SAMA.



BUT...

I THINK I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA.

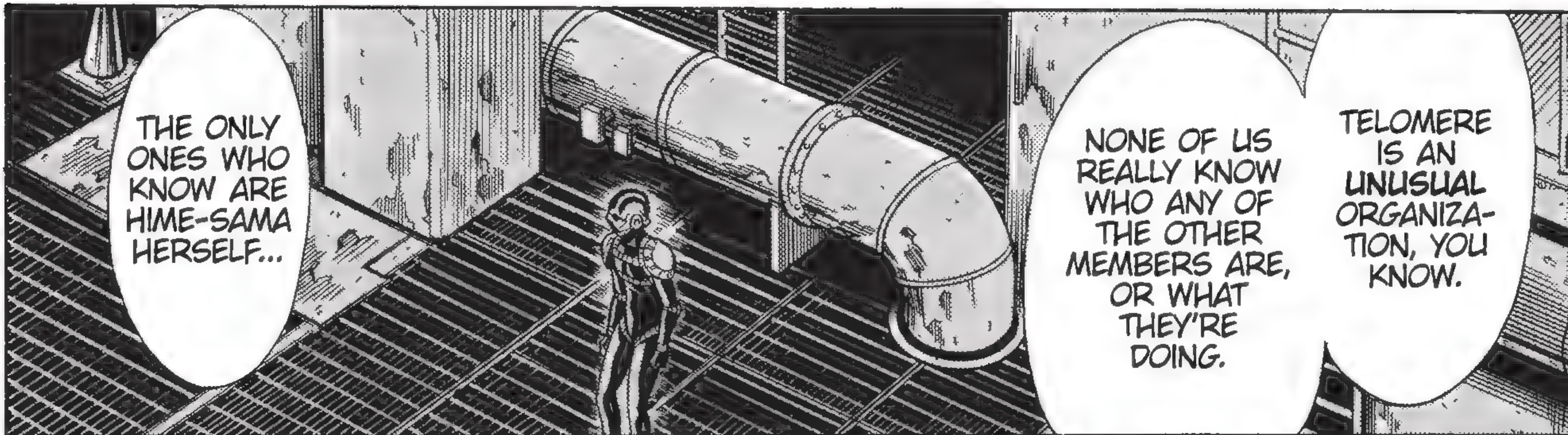


?

FROM
EVERYONE.

MY
ORDERS
ARE TO
PROTECT
HER...

INCOR-
RECT.



THE ONLY
ONES WHO
KNOW ARE
HIME-SAMA
HERSELF...

NONE OF US
REALLY KNOW
WHO ANY OF
THE OTHER
MEMBERS ARE,
OR WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING.

TELOMERE
IS AN
UNUSUAL
ORGANIZA-
TION, YOU
KNOW.



AND HER
CLOSEST
ADVISORS!

SKASH



FREEZE!!

FLASH



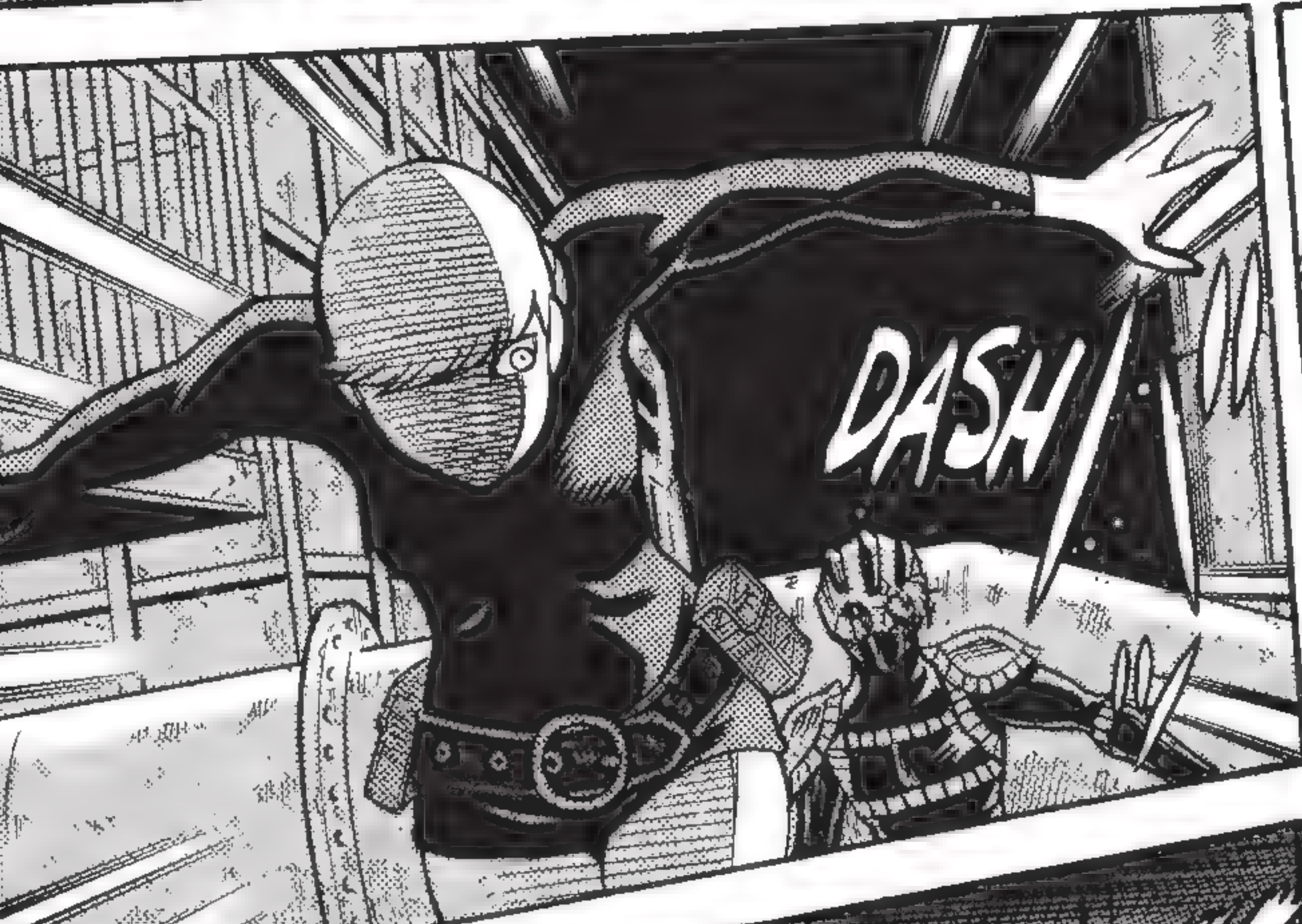
I TOLD
HER
FROM THE
VERY
BEGINNING
THAT SHE
COULDN'T
TRUST
HIM!



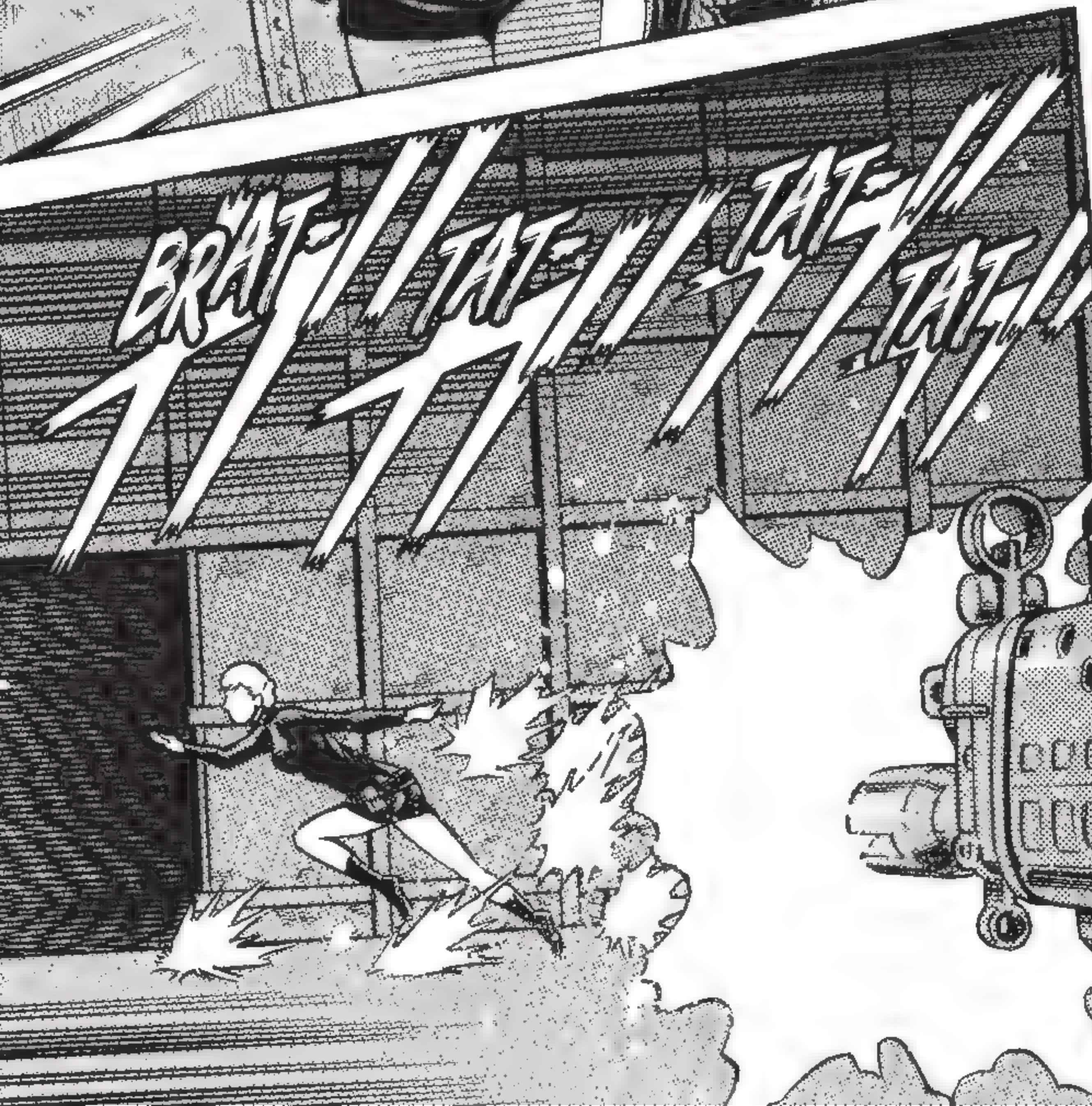
YOUR
ARM!



I
WARNED
HIME-
SAMA!



DASH



BRAT

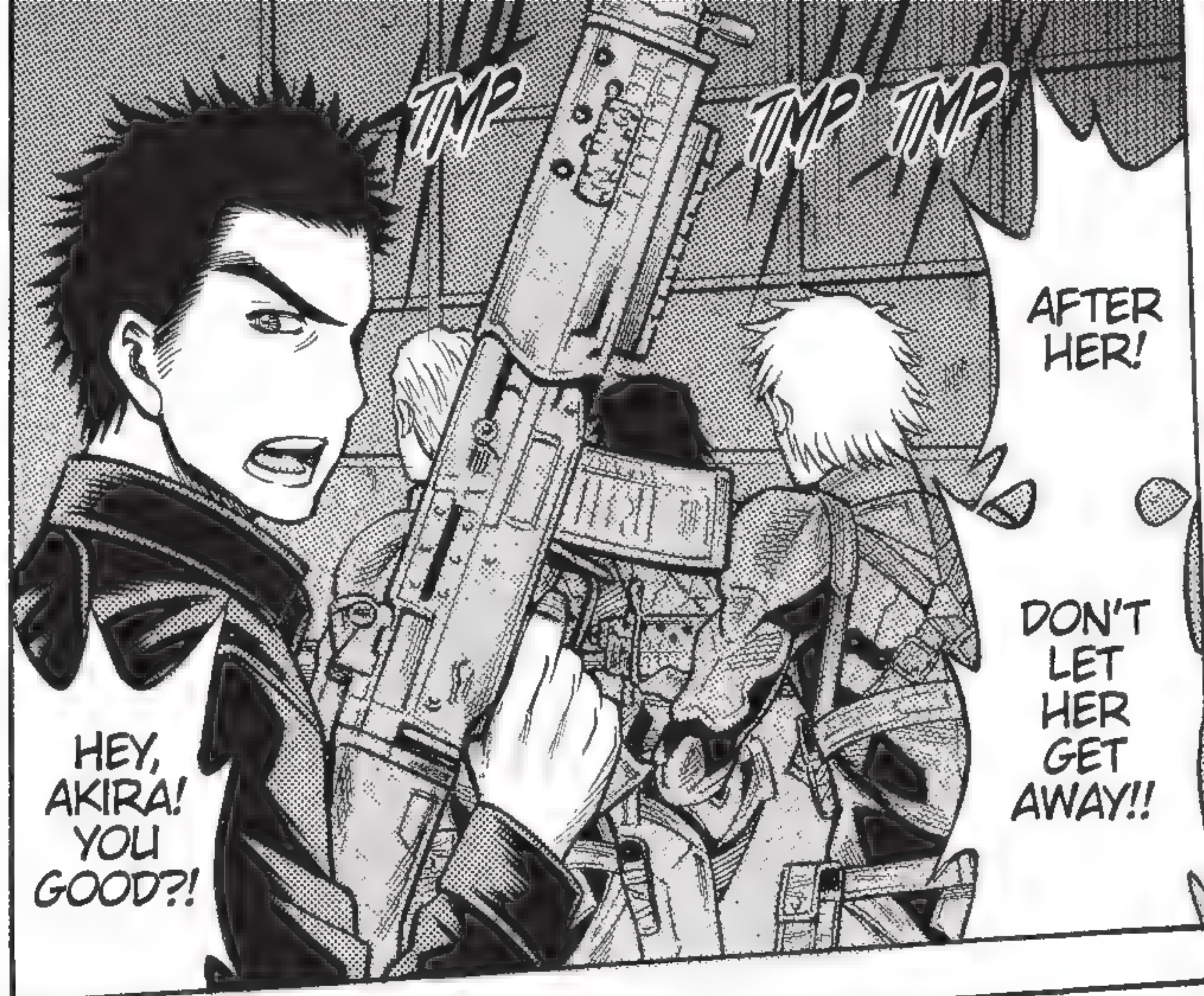
TAT

TAT

TAT



THAT'S
AS FAR
AS YOU
GO,
SWEET
CHEEKS
!!



HEY,
AKIRA!
YOU
GOOD?!

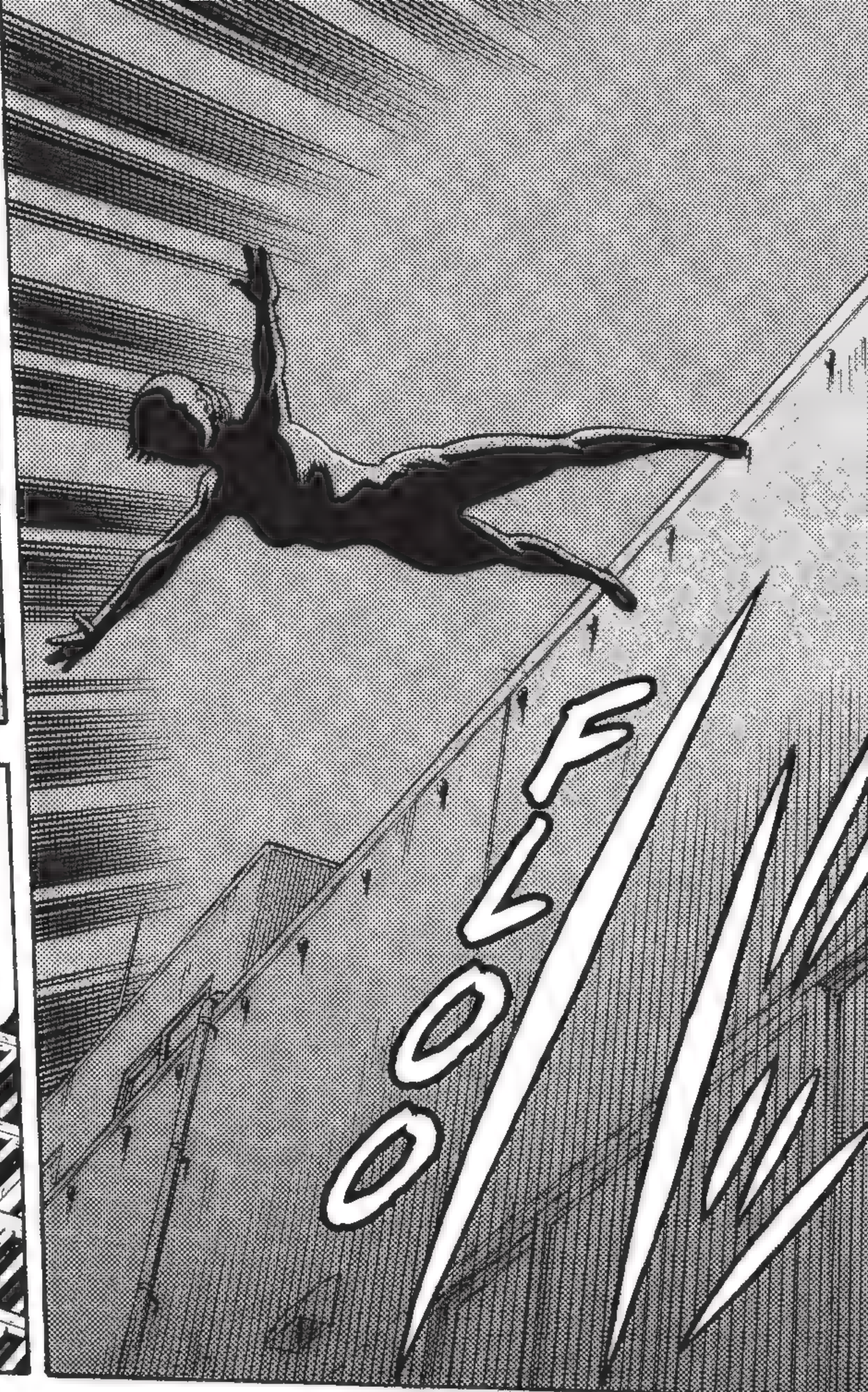
AFTER
HER!

DON'T
LET
HER
GET
AWAY!!



SORRY,
MAN.
GOT
HELD
UP.

YOU'RE
LATE,
HAMA-
SAN.



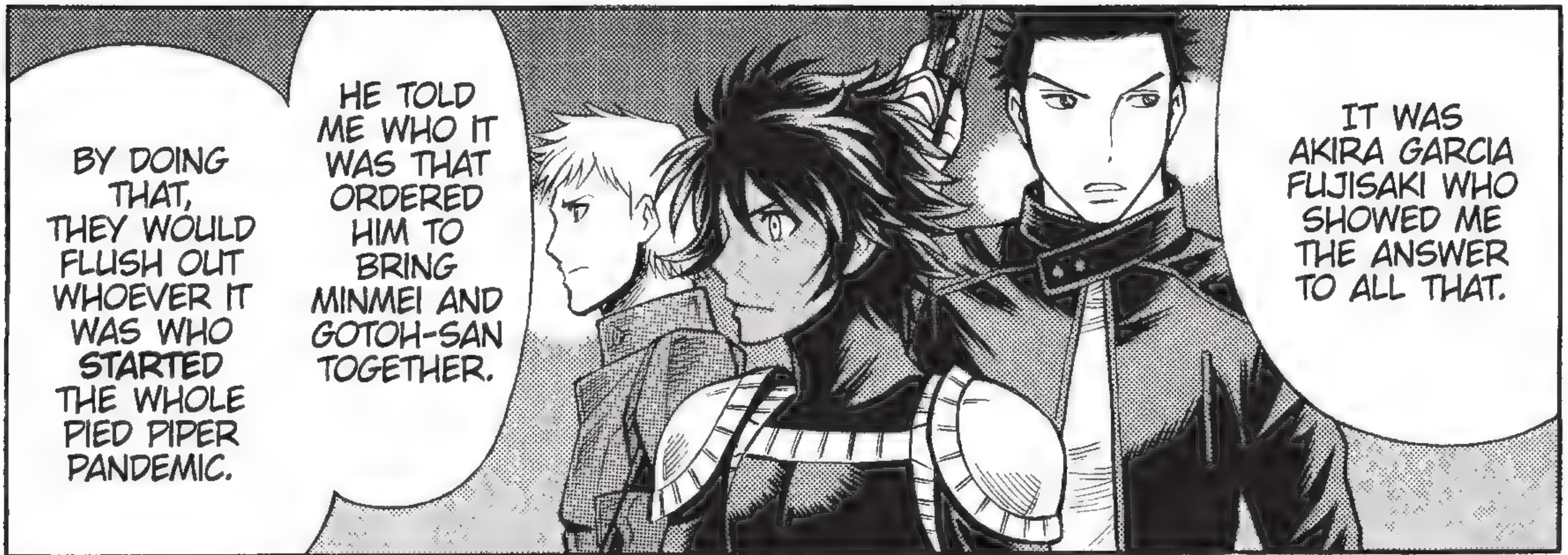
WHO
COULD SAVE
NANAMI-
KAICHO?
WHO COULD
POINT HER
AND THE
OTHER THREE
MAIDS TO
SAVE ME
IN NYC?

HELL,
WHO WOULD
EVEN KNOW
WHAT WAS
GOING ON
IN CHAIN
SMOKER'S
FOREST,
MUCH LESS
SEND FOR
HELP
THERE?

AND THIS
SOMEBODY
NOT ONLY
KNEW, HE SET
UP A PLAN
TO FREE
HIME-SAN AND
BRING HER
BACK HOME.

SEE,
I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT
FOR A
WHILE.





BY DOING
THAT,
THEY WOULD
FLUSH OUT
WHOEVER IT
WAS WHO
STARTED
THE WHOLE
PIED PIPER
PANDEMIC.

HE TOLD
ME WHO IT
WAS THAT
ORDERED
HIM TO
BRING
MINMEI AND
GOTOH-SAN
TOGETHER.

IT WAS
AKIRA GARCIA
FUJISAKI WHO
SHOWED ME
THE ANSWER
TO ALL THAT.



I DON'T
GET IT, MAN.
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO
SOLD OUT
HIME-SAN TO
TELOMERE IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.

WHY TURN
AROUND
AND GO
THIS FAR
TO GET HER
BACK?



I...
COULDN'T
TELL.
I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHICH ONE
OF THEM
WAS MY
TRUE
HIME-SAMA.



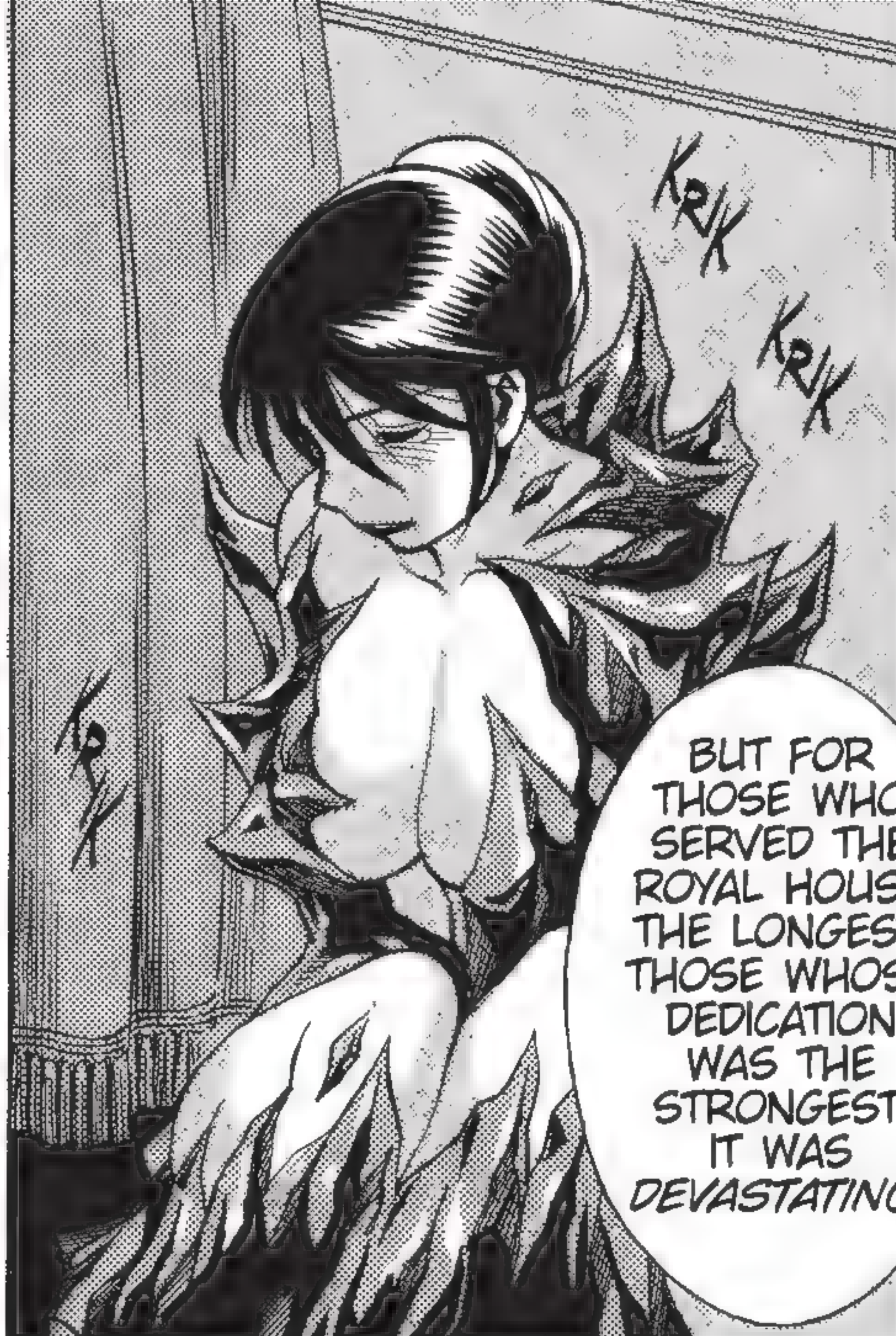
IT WAS
YOU,
ALPHONSE.

IT WAS
YOU FROM
THE
BEGINNING.



IT WAS PRO-FOUNDLY CONFUS-ING...

LEADING TO A DEEP, HEART-RENDING INDECI-SION.



BUT FOR THOSE WHO SERVED THE ROYAL HOUSE THE LONGEST, THOSE WHOSE DEDICATION WAS THE STRONGEST, IT WAS DEVASTATING.



IT CAN BE CHILLING FOR ANY VAMPIRE TO BE FACED WITH TWO WHO BEAR THE TRUE BLOOD, TWO QUEENS DESERVING OF RESPECT AND LOYALTY.



DESPITE MY VOW, I TRANSFORMED INTO MY TRUE FORM TO PROTECT HER FROM THOSE MONSTERS, AWAKENING MY VAMPIRE BLOOD.



SO I THOUGHT.

AT LEAST, I DID UNTIL THAT DAY TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

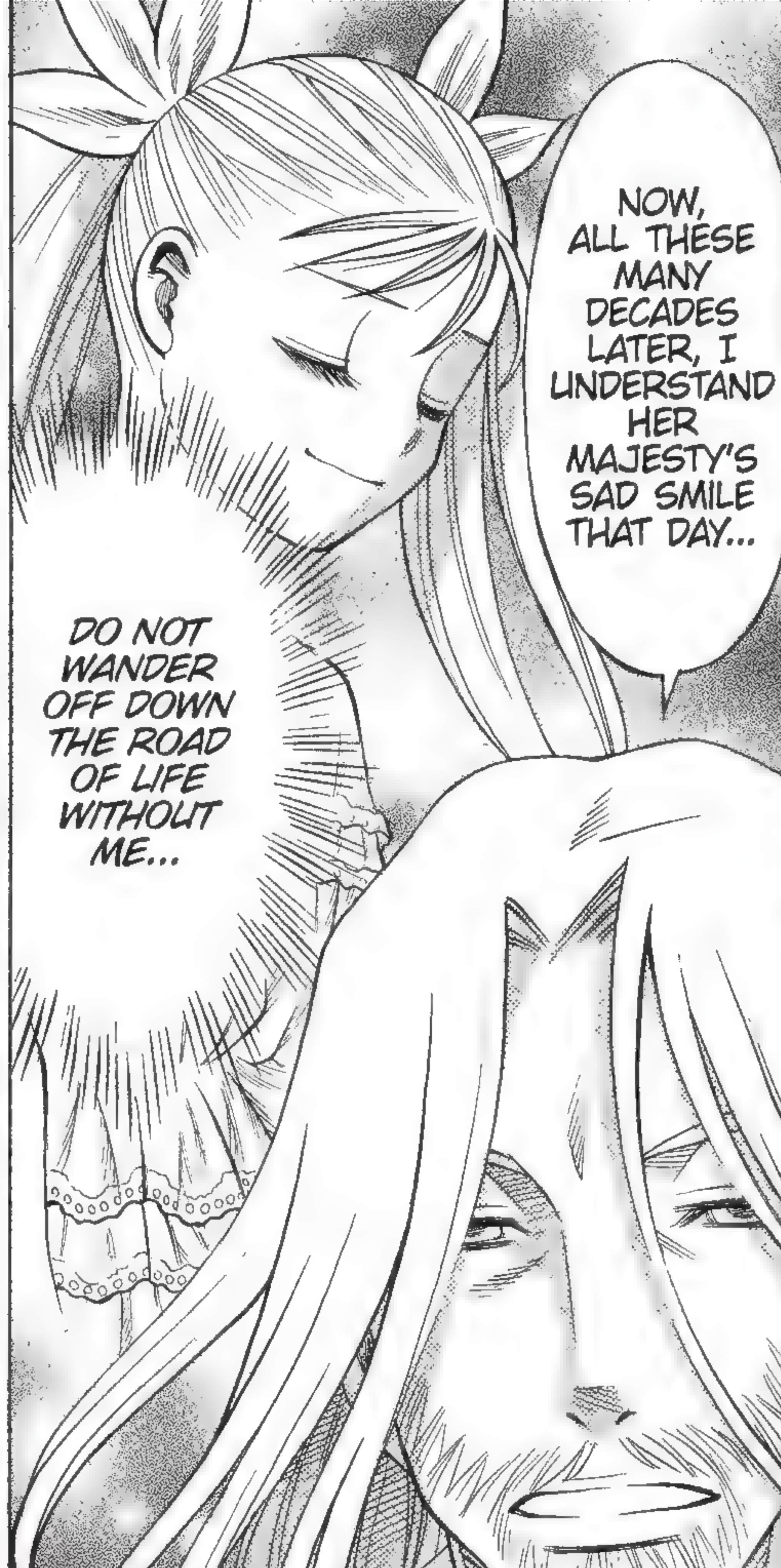


BUT THAT'S STUPID!

HIME-SAN IS HIME-SAN! THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY OTHER!




IT WASN'T
A
SCOLD-
ING.



NOW,
ALL THESE
MANY
DECADES
LATER, I
UNDERSTAND
HER
MAJESTY'S
SAD SMILE
THAT DAY...

DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME...

HE WAS
SIMPLY
TRYING TO
SAVE HIS
SON FROM
A LOVE THAT
WOULD
NEVER
BEAR FRUIT.



AND
WHY MY
FATHER
YELLED AT
ME THE
WAY HE
DID.

SILENCE!
NEVER
SAY THAT
AGAIN.
UNDERSTAND?



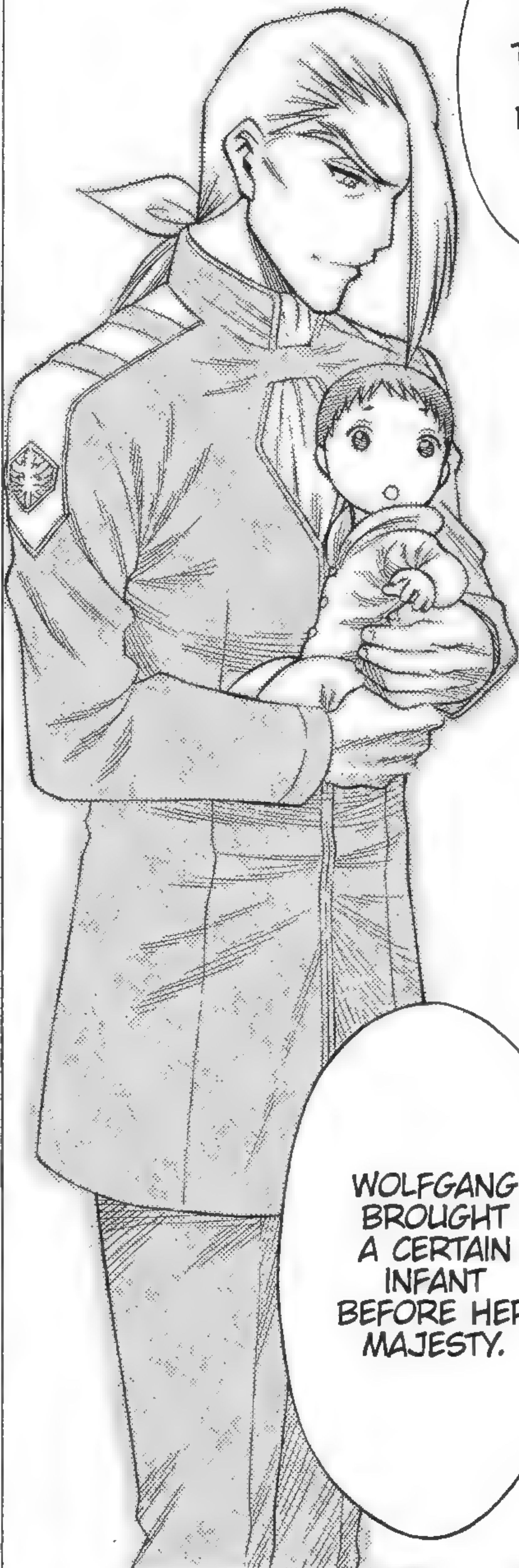
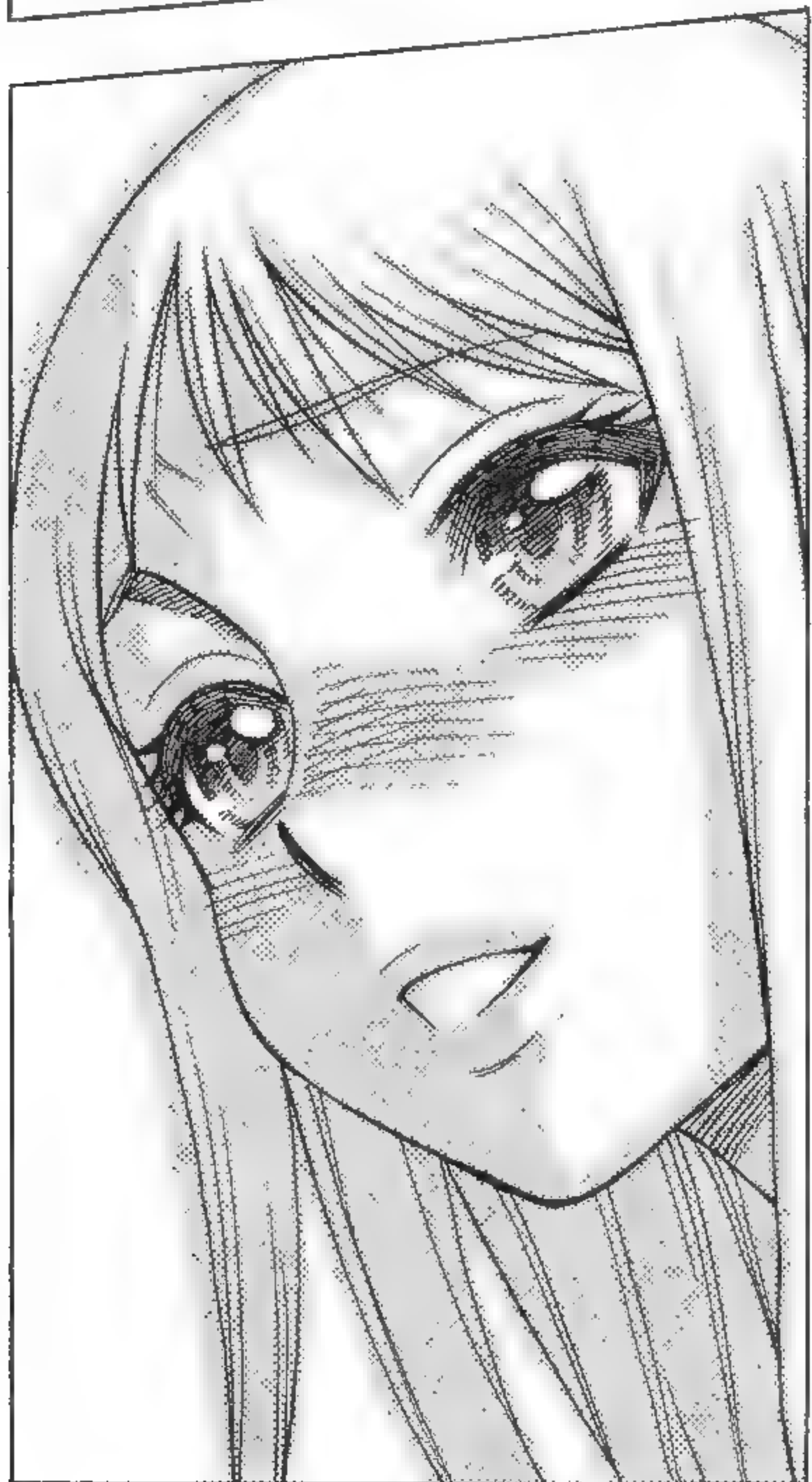
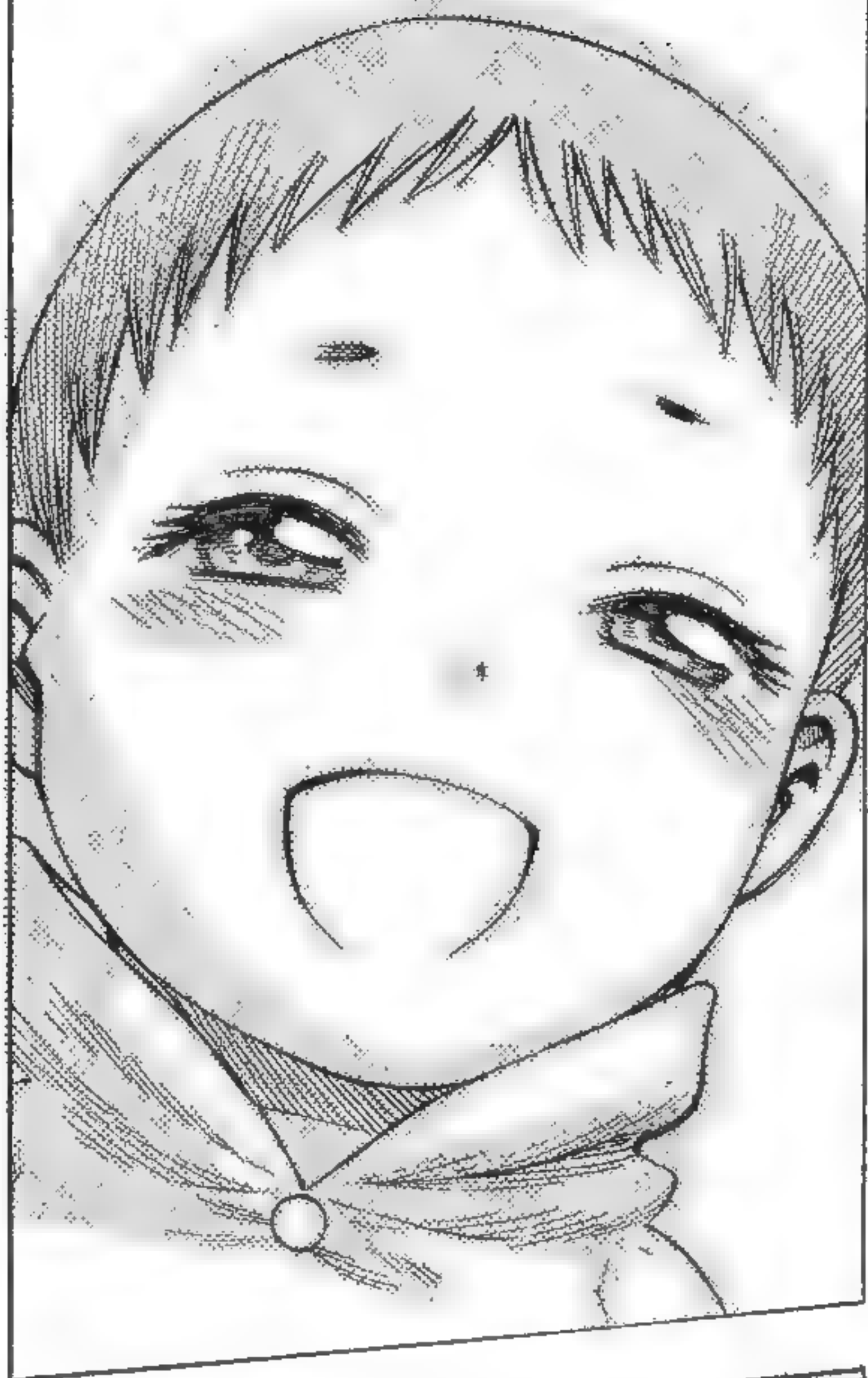
AT THAT MOMENT,
A STRONG—
ALMOST
IRRATIONALLY
STRONG—
LOYALTY TOWARDS
MY RIGHTFUL
QUEEN BUBBLED
UP WITHIN ME.

ALONG WITH
IT CAME A
DESPERATE
NEED TO
SERVE.



TRULY,
IT WAS AN
OVER-
WHELMING
NEED.

IT WAS SO
POWERFUL...
THERE WAS
NO ROOM
LEFT FOR ANY
FEELINGS OF
LOVE OR
ROMANCE.



BUT
THEN,
ONE
DAY...

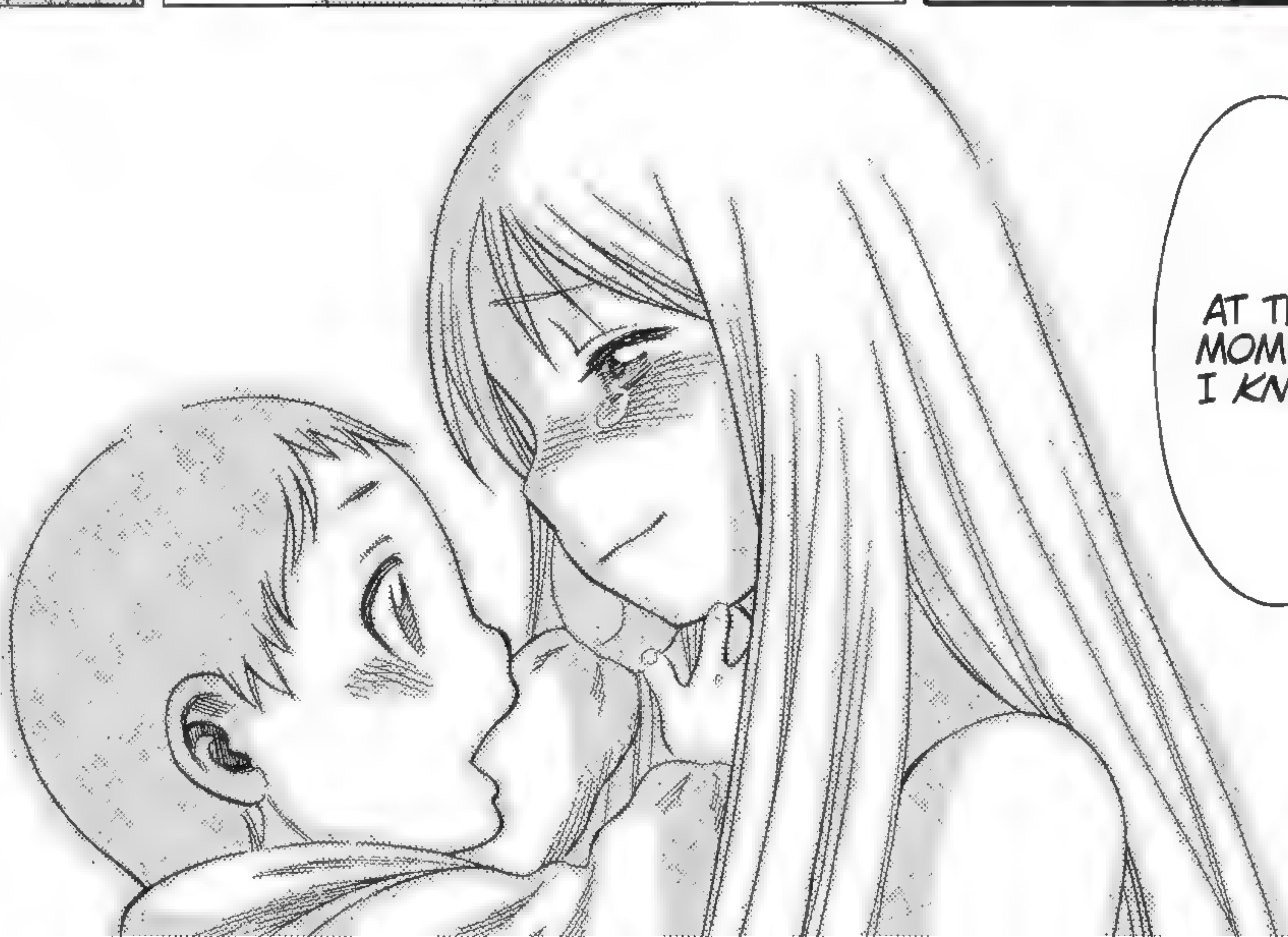
WOLFGANG
BROUGHT
A CERTAIN
INFANT
BEFORE HER
MAJESTY.

MY DREAM
TO LIVE BY
HER SIDE
ENDED
THAT DAY.

I
THOUGHT
THAT WAS
THE ONLY
WAY I
COULD BE
FAITHFUL
TO MY
FEELINGS
FOR HER.

SO I THREW
MYSELF INTO
MY FAMILY'S
DUTIES,
BECOMING HER
MAJESTY'S
PROTECTOR
IN THE
SHADOWS,
AS MY FATHER
HAD BEEN.

I KNEW
THAT THIS
INFANT
WAS THE
CHILD HER
MAJESTY
HAD BEEN
WAITING
FOR.

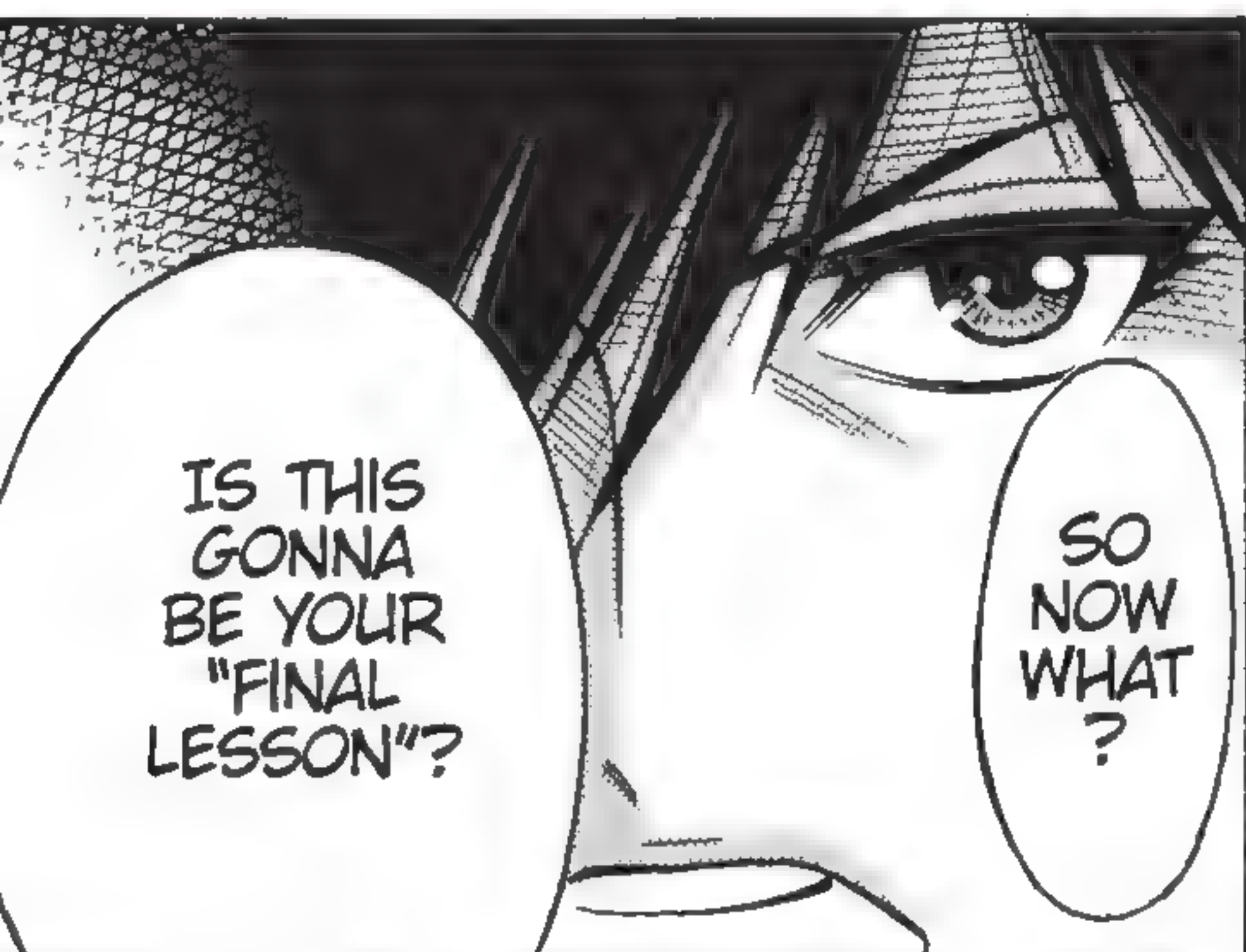


AT THAT
MOMENT,
I KNEW.



YOUR
TEACHING
COULD PUT
SPARTA
TO SHAME,
Y'KNOW.

HUNH.
SO THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE
ALWAYS A
HARD-ASS
TOWARDS
ME.

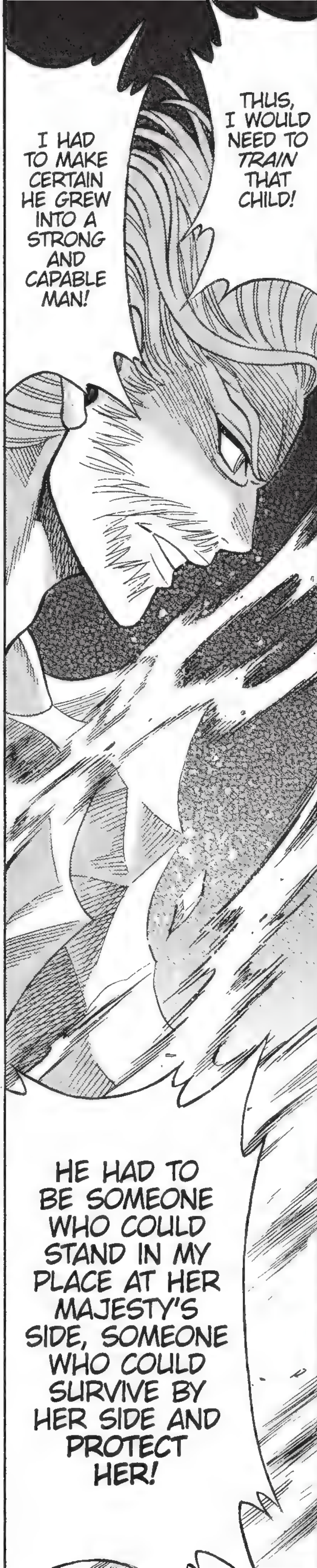


IS THIS
GONNA
BE YOUR
"FINAL
LESSON"?

SO
NOW
WHAT?



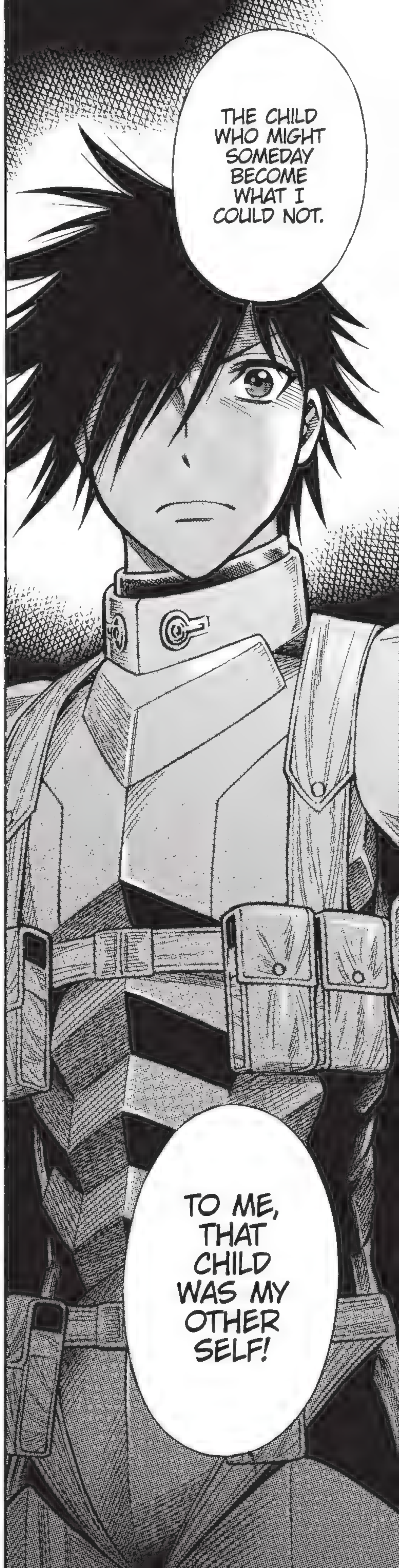
I AM
DONE
WITH
WORDS!



I HAD
TO MAKE
CERTAIN
HE GREW
INTO A
STRONG
AND
CAPABLE
MAN!

THUS,
I WOULD
NEED TO
TRAIN
THAT
CHILD!

HE HAD TO
BE SOMEONE
WHO COULD
STAND IN MY
PLACE AT HER
MAJESTY'S
SIDE, SOMEONE
WHO COULD
SURVIVE BY
HER SIDE AND
PROTECT
HER!



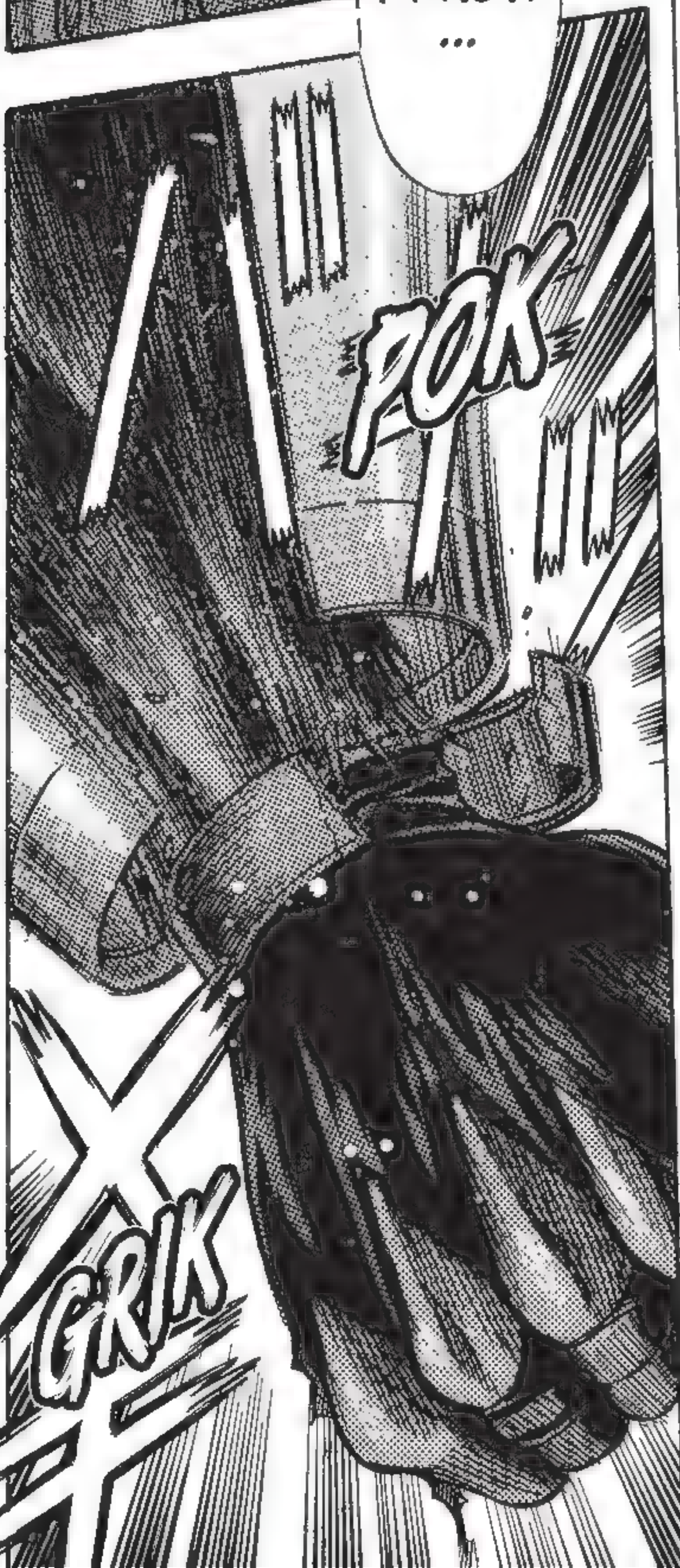
THE CHILD
WHO MIGHT
SOMEDAY
BECOME
WHAT I
COULD NOT.

TO ME,
THAT
CHILD
WAS MY
OTHER
SELF!



TO BE
HONEST,
I REALLY
DON'T
WANNA
DO
THIS.

BUT,
Y'KNOW
...



POK

GRIK



SHOW
ME,
BOY!

PROVE
TO ME
YOU ARE
WORTHY
TO STAND
AT MINA
TEPES'
ELBOW!

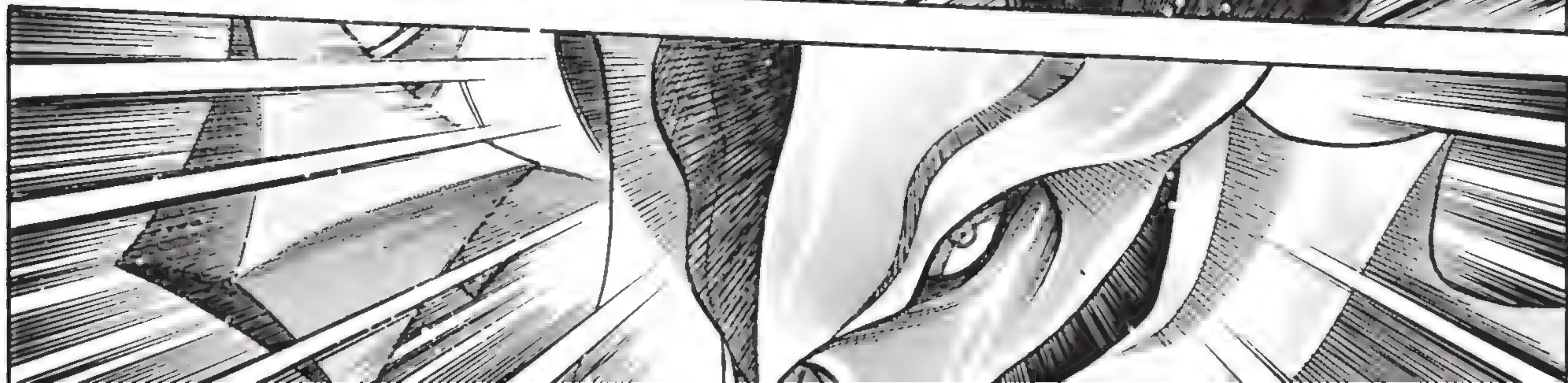
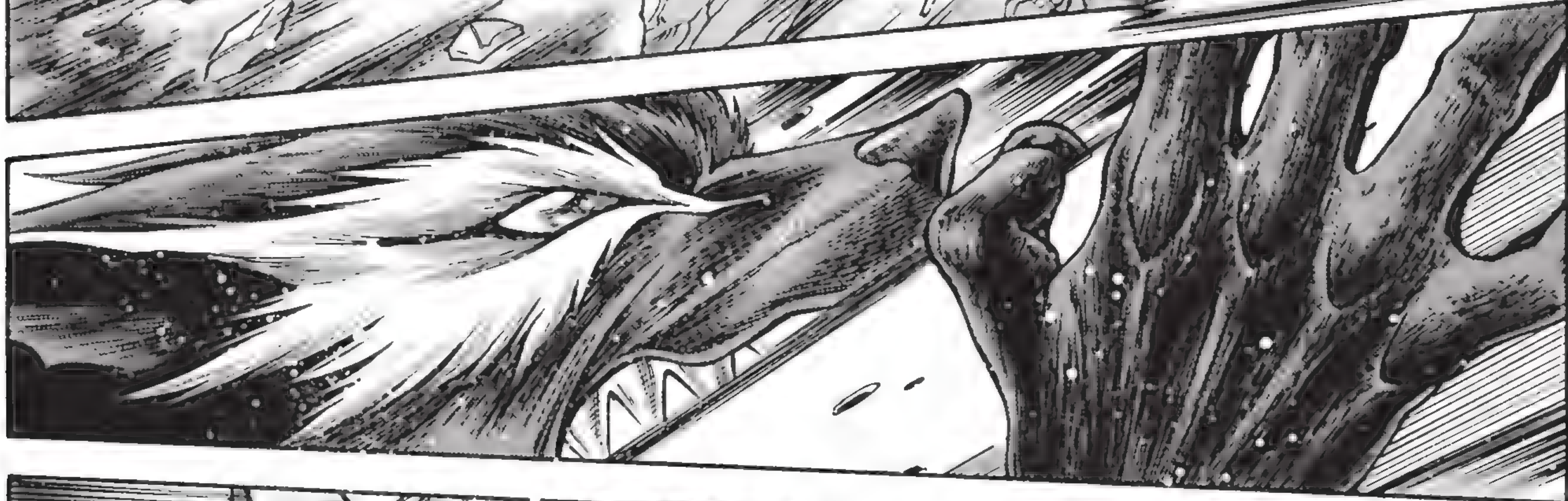
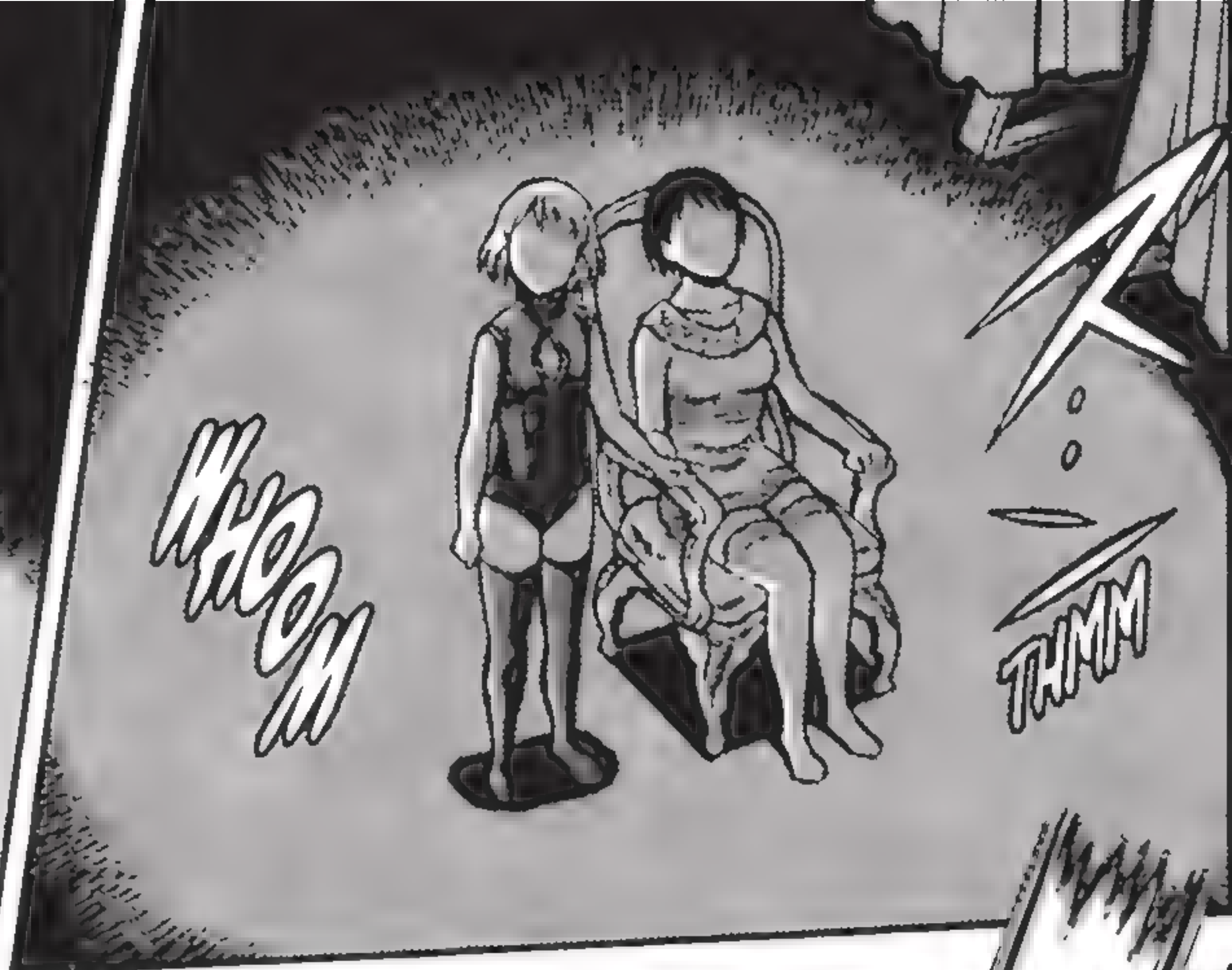
SRNINK

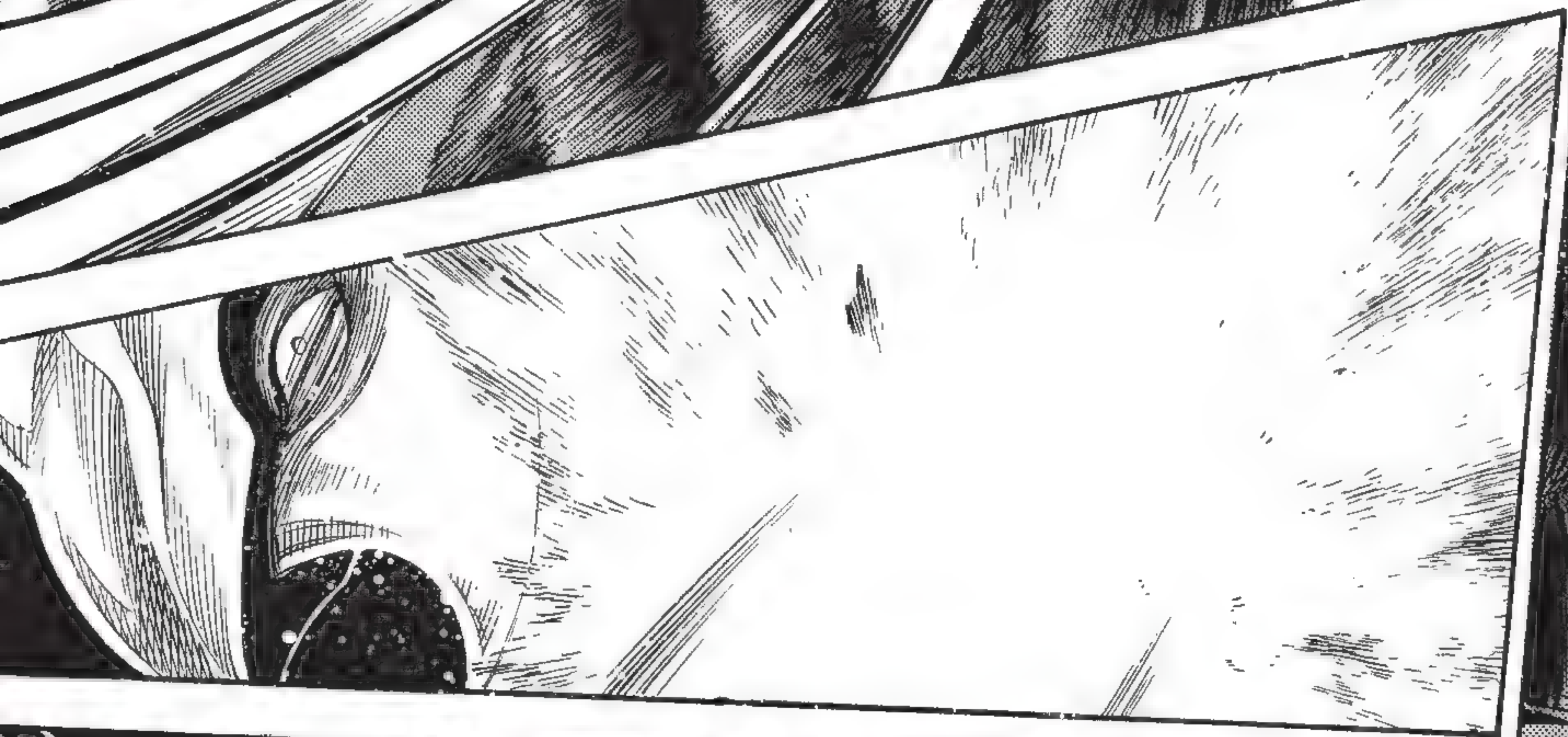
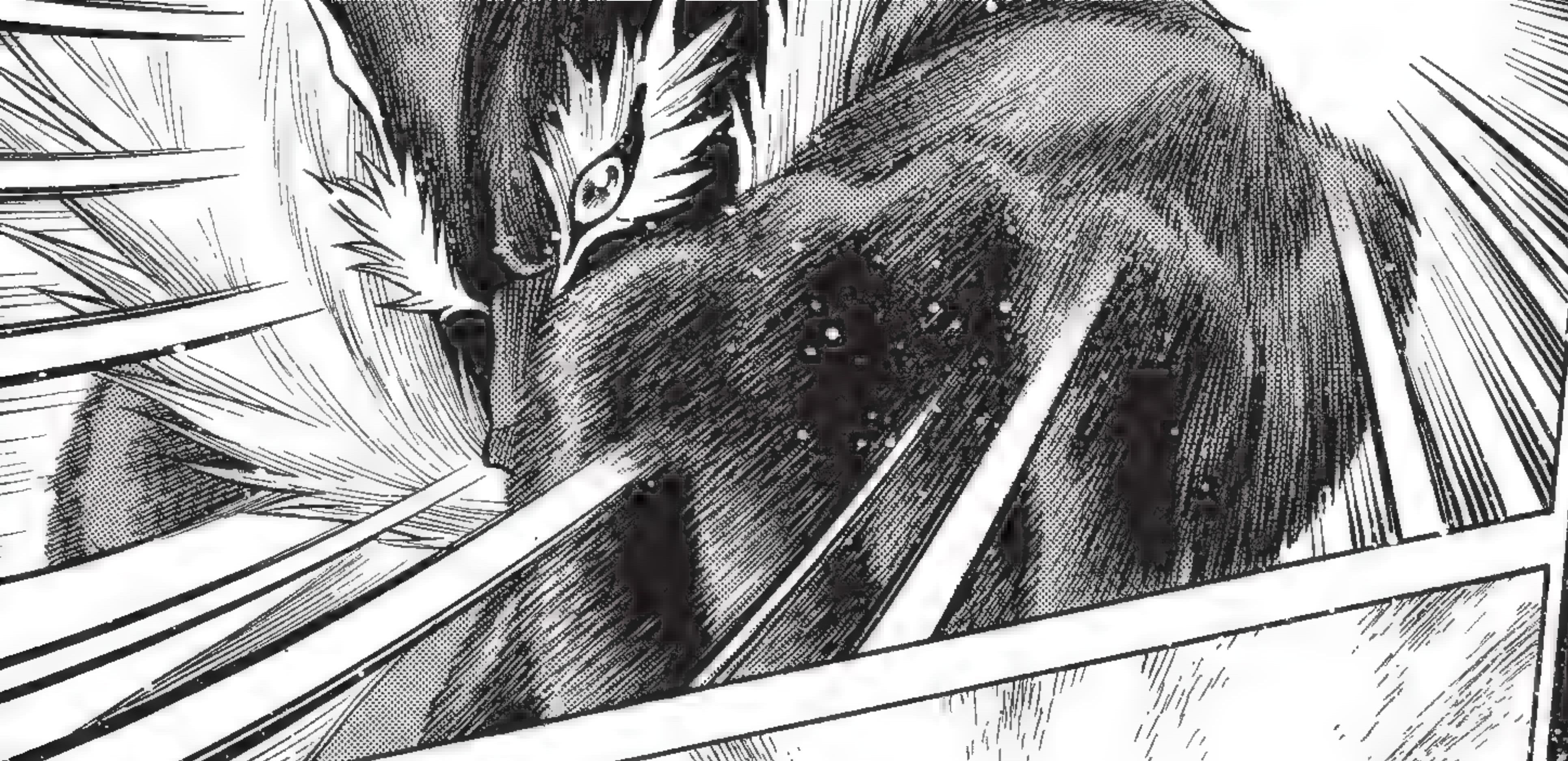
NOT
FOR
YOU...

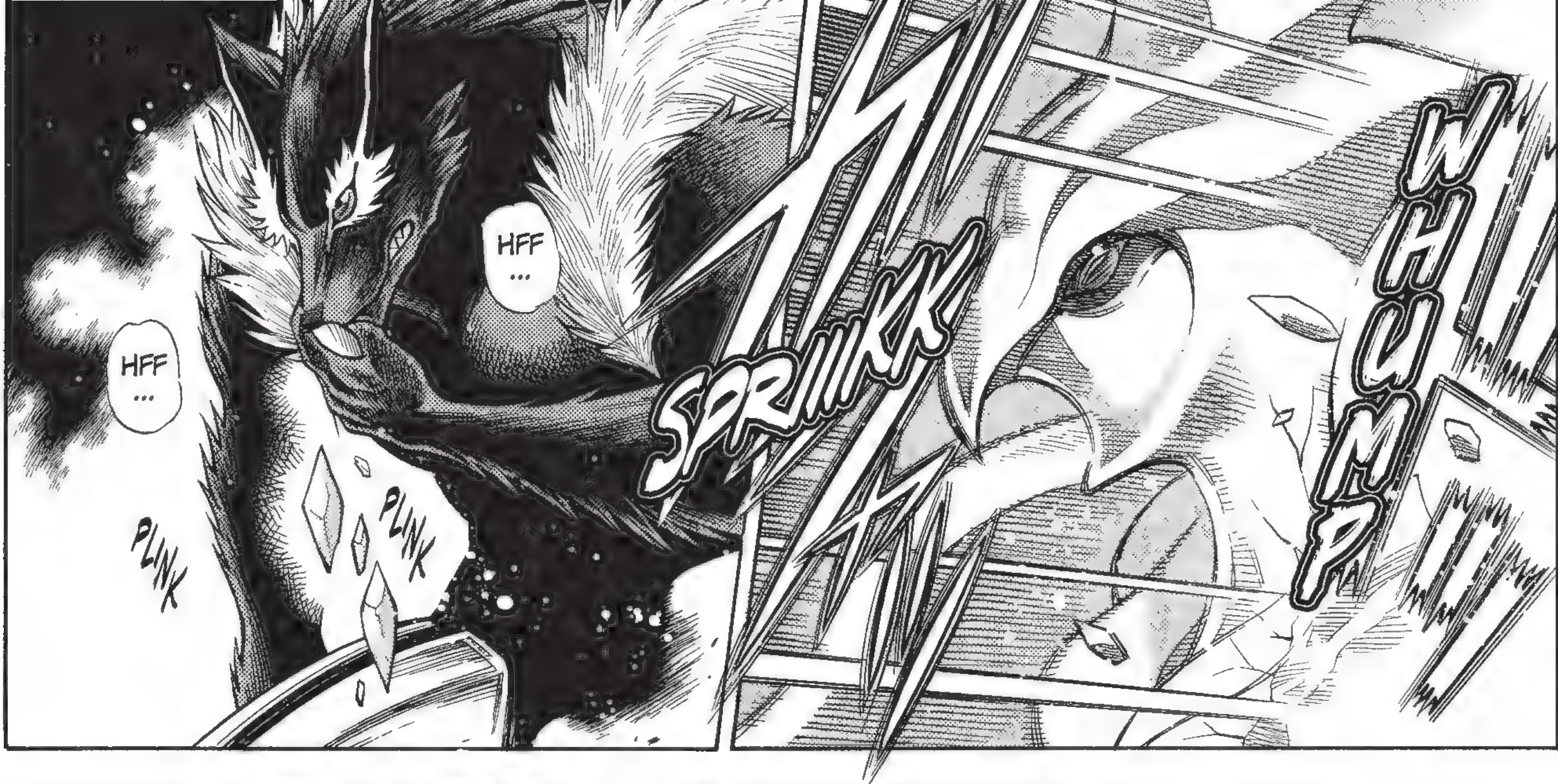
IF WE
DON'T HAVE
IT OUT NOW,
THINGS
WON'T EVER
BE SETTLED
BETWEEN
US!

OR
FOR
ME!!











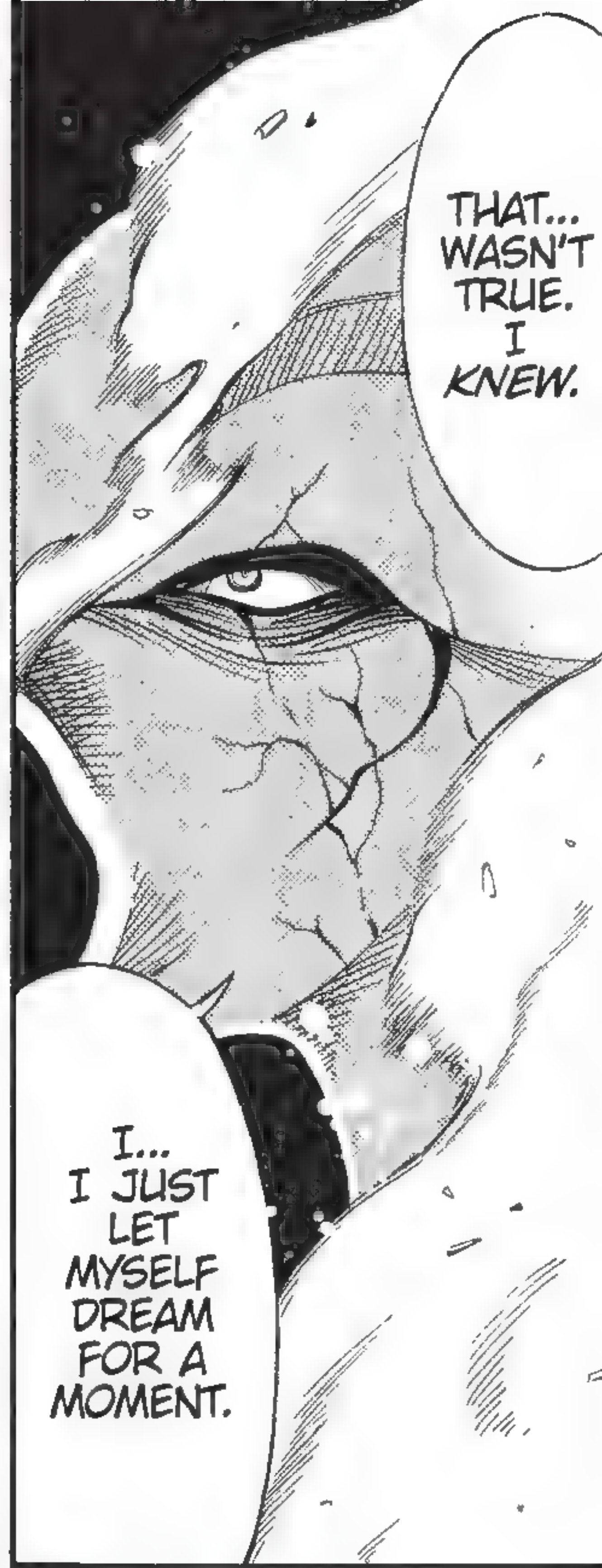
FOOLISH,
I KNOW.
A SHALLOW
REGRET.

LAUGH
AT ME
IF YOU
WANT.



IT WAS
A VAIN
DREAM...

BUT I
COULD NOT
HELP BUT
THINK THAT
MAYBE THIS
QUEEN
COULD BE
MINE.



THAT...
WASN'T
TRUE.
I
KNEW.

I...
I JUST
LET
MYSELF
DREAM
FOR A
MOMENT.



I
SEE...



I'LL
NEVER
LAUGH
AT
THAT.



I WON'T.
I DON'T
CARE IF
EVERYONE
ELSE
DOES...



BRITISH

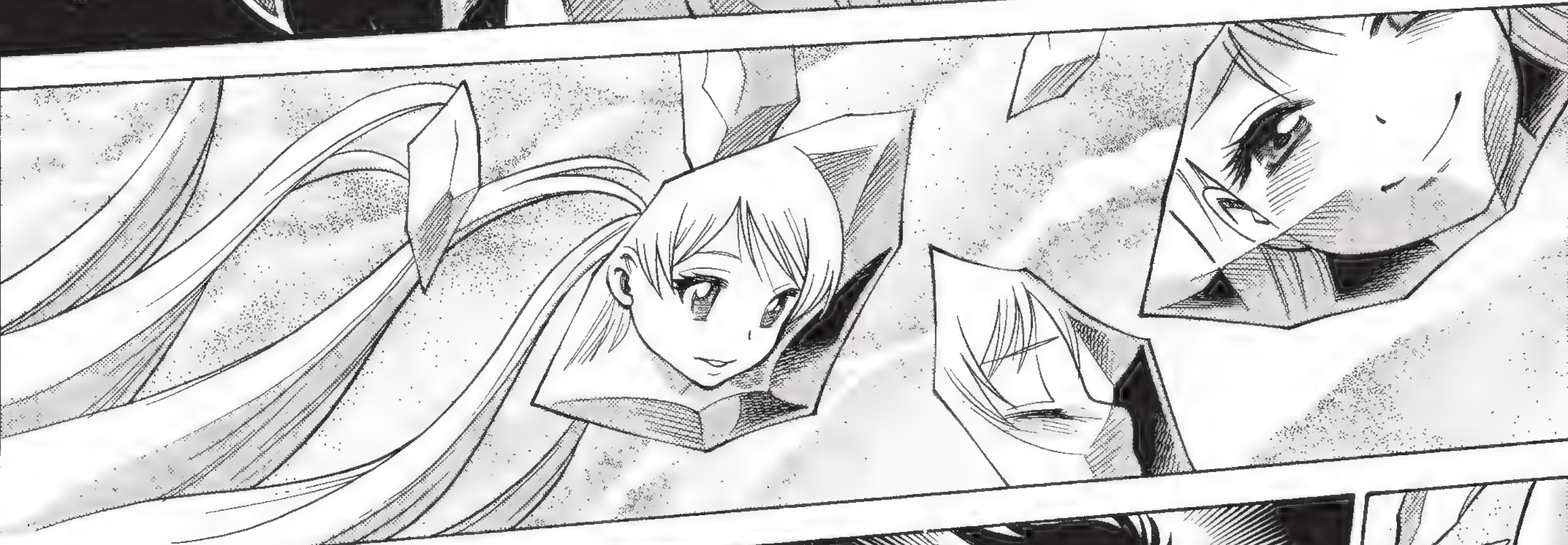
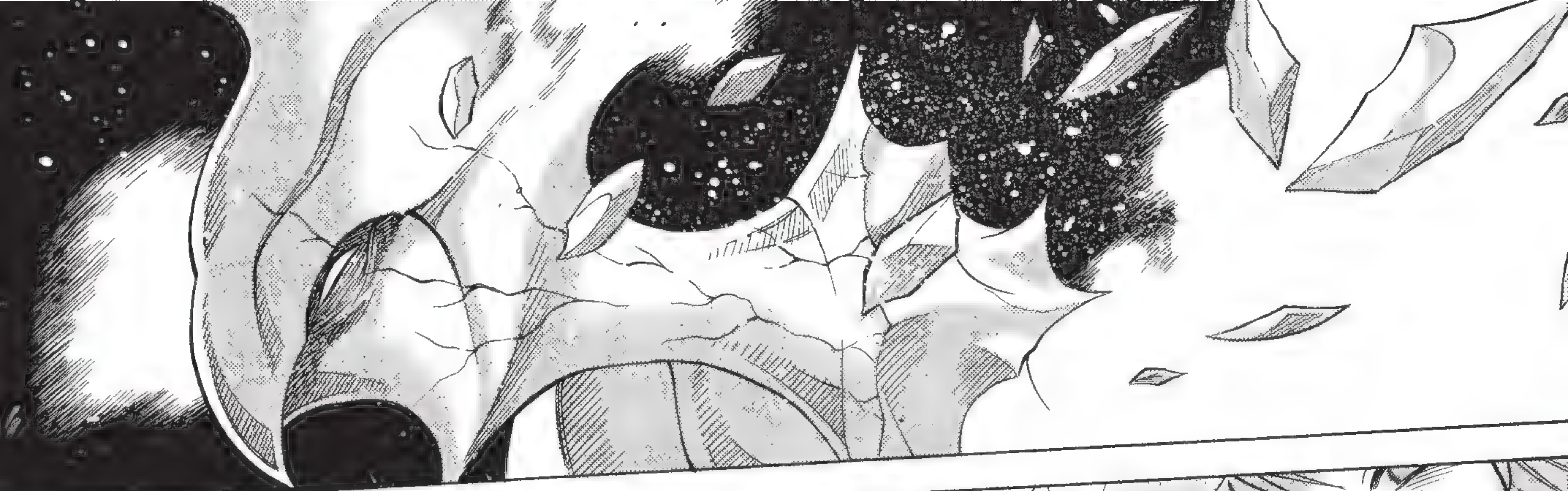
WOOOOSH

WELL THEN!

DESTROY ME...

RID ME OF THIS REGRET !!

KIRAAAA

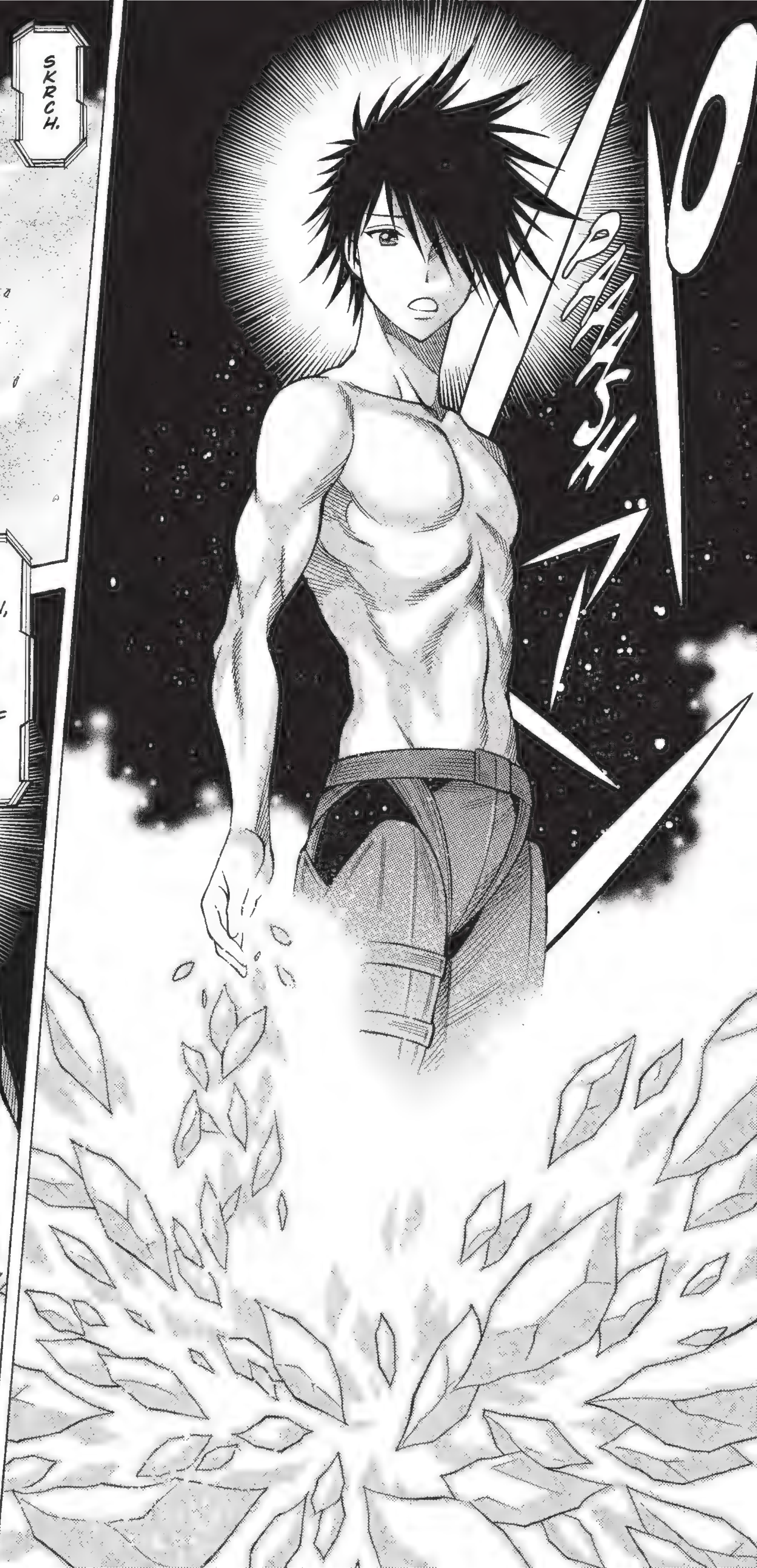



SKRCH.

SKRCH.

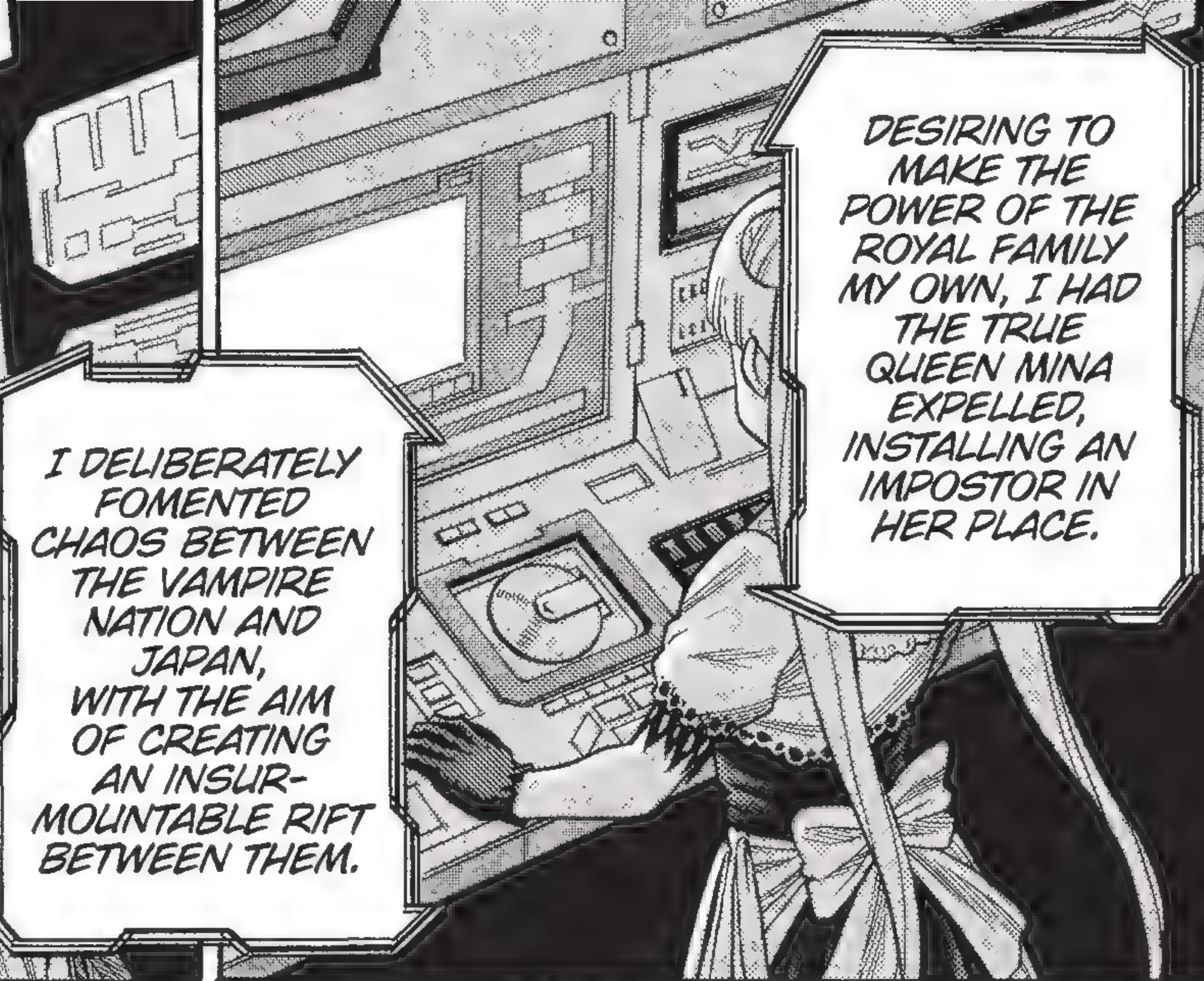
ATTENTION,
CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND
AND THE
NATION OF
JAPAN.

I AM
ALPHONSE
MEDICI
BORGIANI.
DUE TO
INTERFERENCE
IN MY SCHEMES,
THE PRESENT
DISTURBANCE
HAS BEEN
BROUGHT TO
AN END.





HOWEVER,
THAT PLOT
HAS BEEN
FOILED BY
THE RETURN
OF THE
TRUE
QUEEN MINA,
AND HER
RECLAMA-
TION OF
THE BLIND.



I DELIBERATELY
FOMENTED
CHAOS BETWEEN
THE VAMPIRE
NATION AND
JAPAN,
WITH THE AIM
OF CREATING
AN INSUR-
MOUNTABLE RIFT
BETWEEN THEM.

DESIRING TO
MAKE THE
POWER OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY
MY OWN, I HAD
THE TRUE
QUEEN MINA
EXPELLED,
INSTALLING AN
IMPOSTOR IN
HER PLACE.



NOW
I GET
IT.

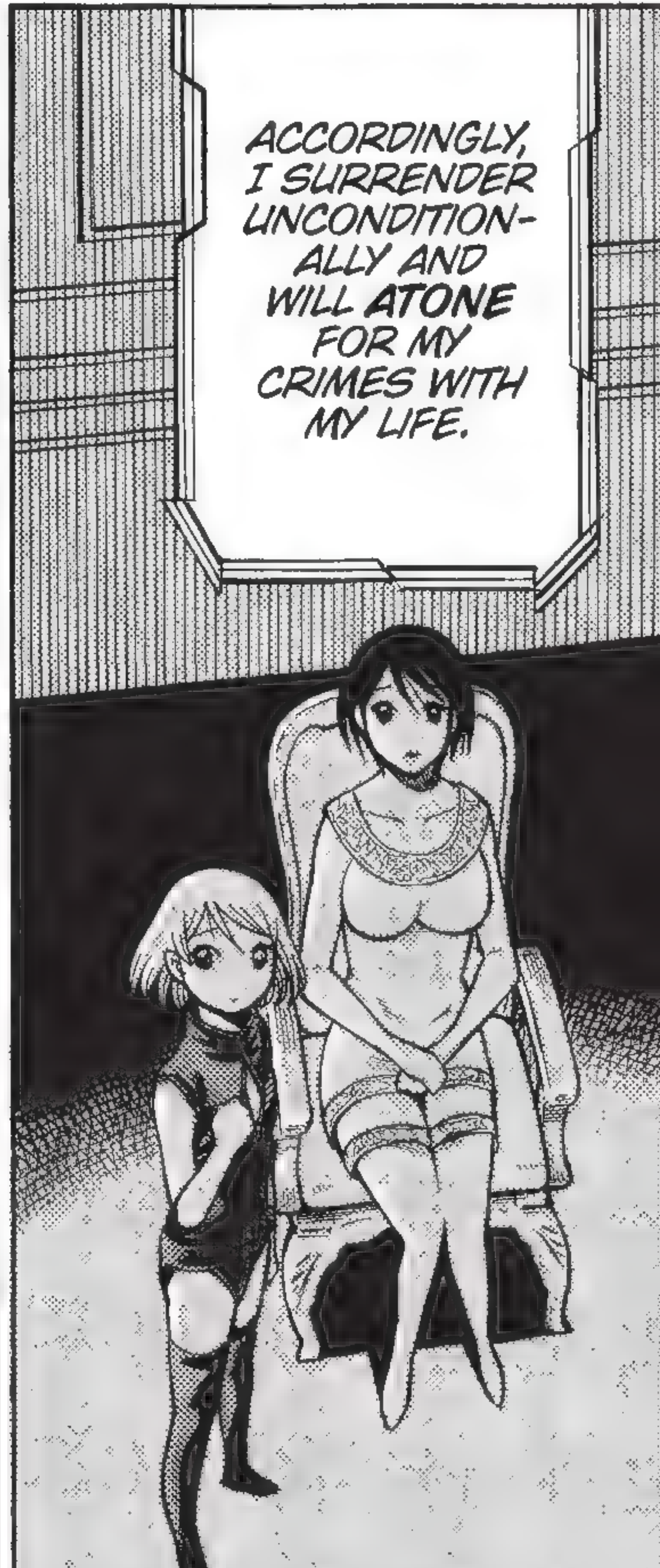
ON THIS,
I REST
THE LAST
SHREDS
OF WHAT
HONOR
I HAVE
LEFT...

QUEEN MINA,
BANISHED
FROM HER OWN
KINGDOM,
IS ENTIRELY
INNOCENT.
THROUGH NO
FAULT OF HERS
DID ANY OF
THIS OCCUR.



A
L
P
H
O
N
S
E
..

SO
THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE
TRYING
SO HARD
TO DIE.

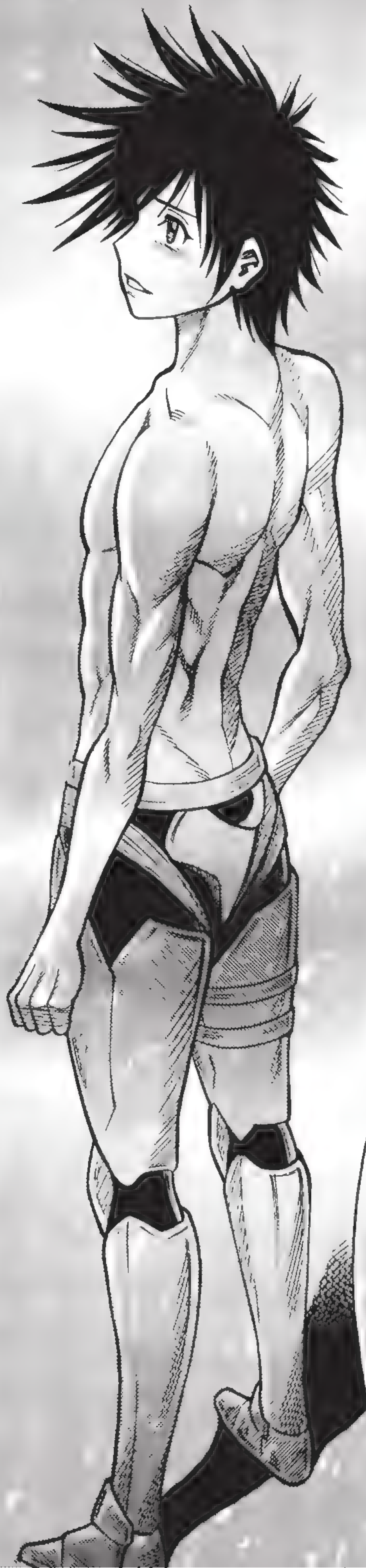


ACCORDINGLY,
I SURRENDER
UNCONDITION-
ALLY AND
WILL ATONE
FOR MY
CRIMES WITH
MY LIFE.

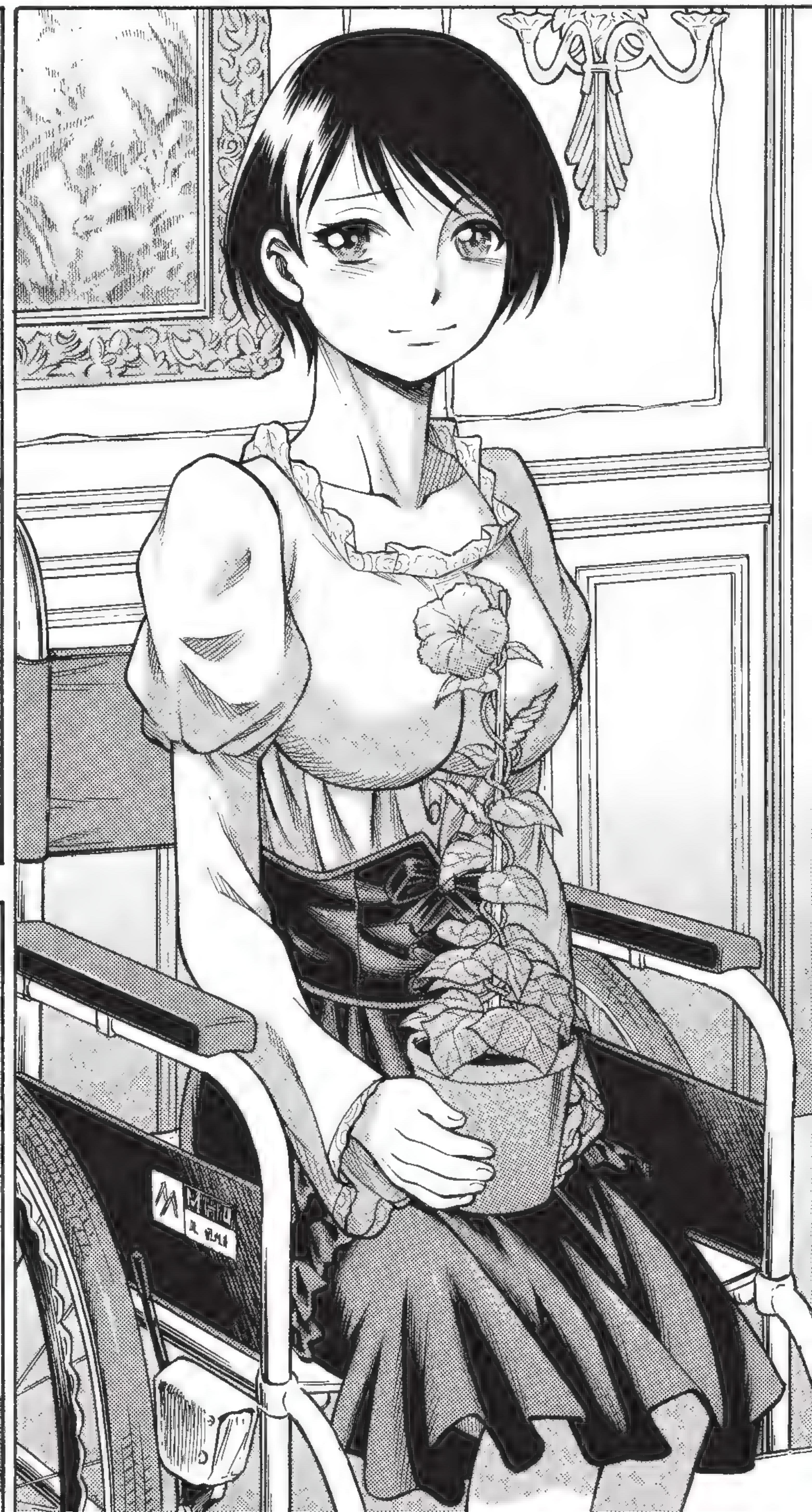
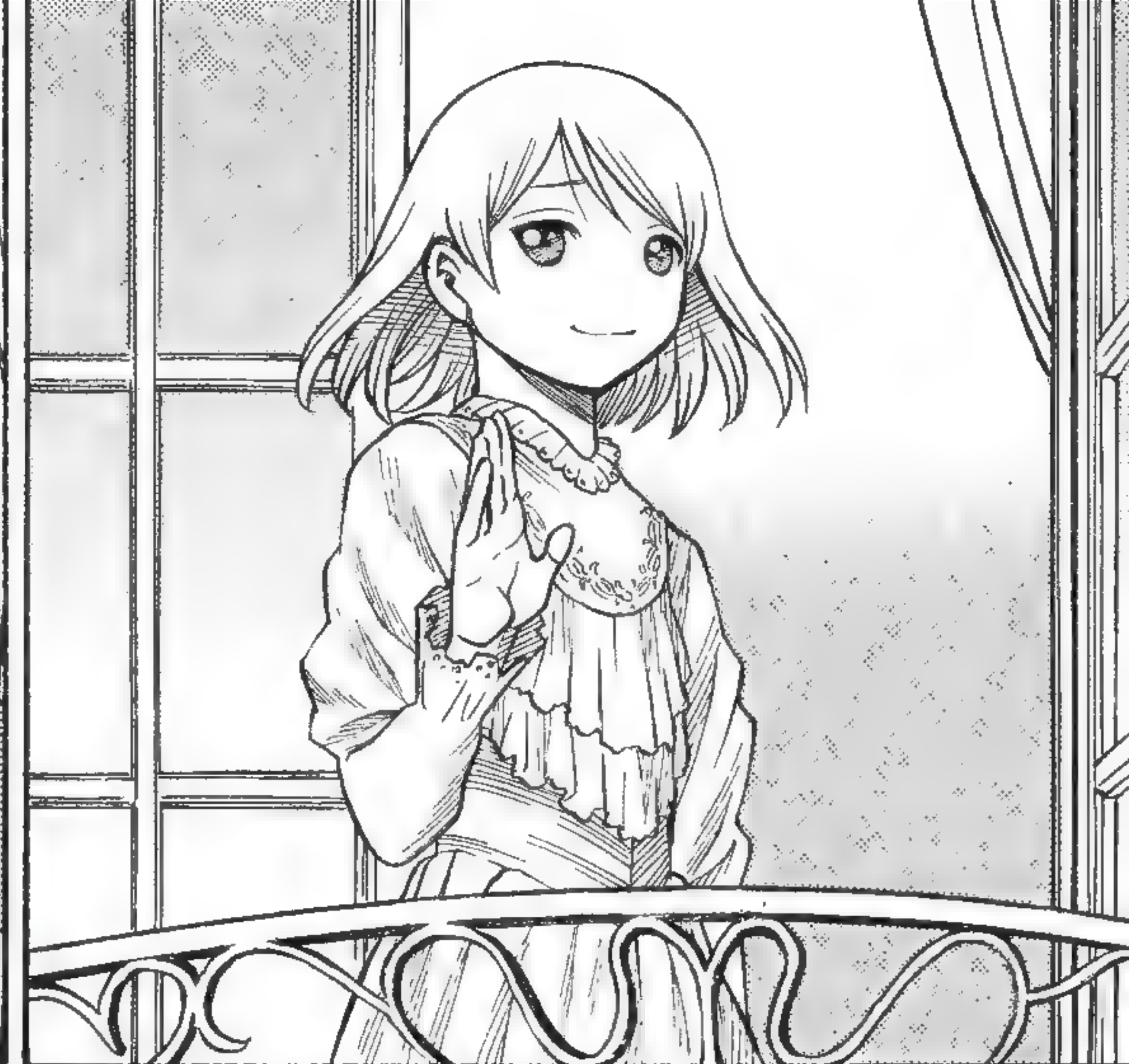
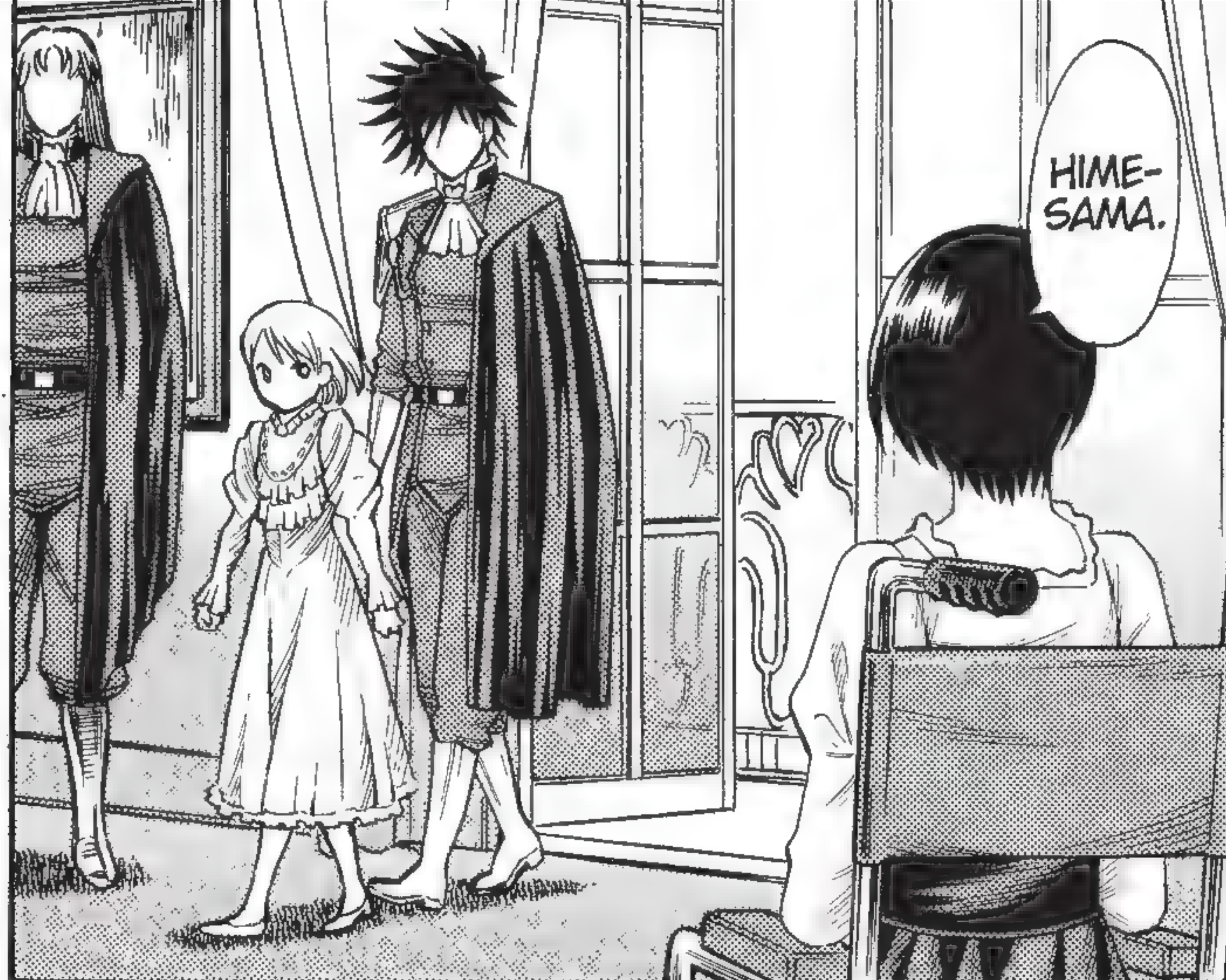
ALL
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THIS
DISTURBANCE
RESTS SOLELY
ON ME. THOSE
WHO AIDED ME
DID SO ONLY
BY MY ORDER,
AND SHOULD
BE HELD
BLAMELESS.



YOU DID IT,
ALPHONSE.



YOU
PROTECTED
HIME-SAN
ALL THE
WAY TO
THE BITTER
END.



AND IF,
IN THAT BRIEF
SPACE OF TIME,
I SHOULD HAVE
THE CHANCE
TO DECORATE
HER HAIR...

THAT
WOULD BE
ENOUGH.

I'VE HAD
QUITE
ENOUGH OF
IMMORTALITY,
THANK YOU.

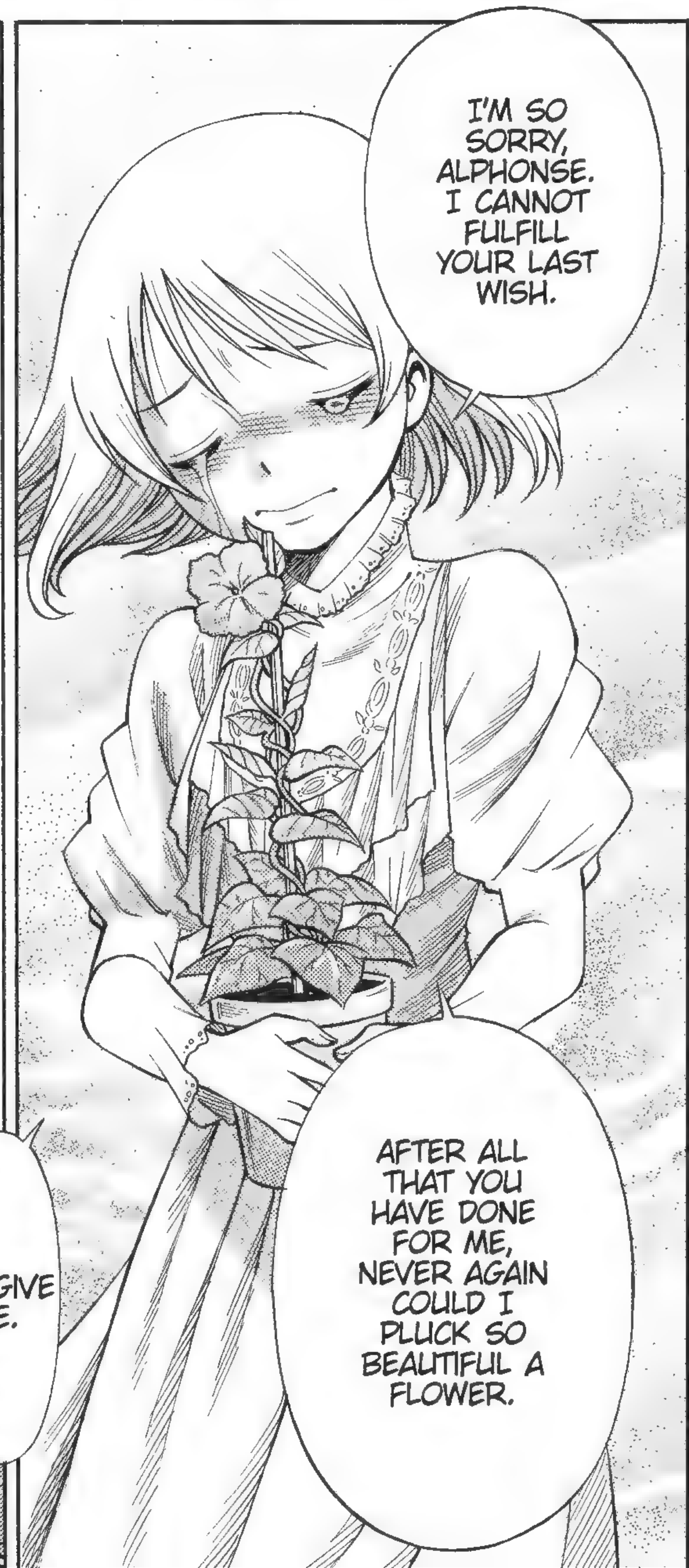
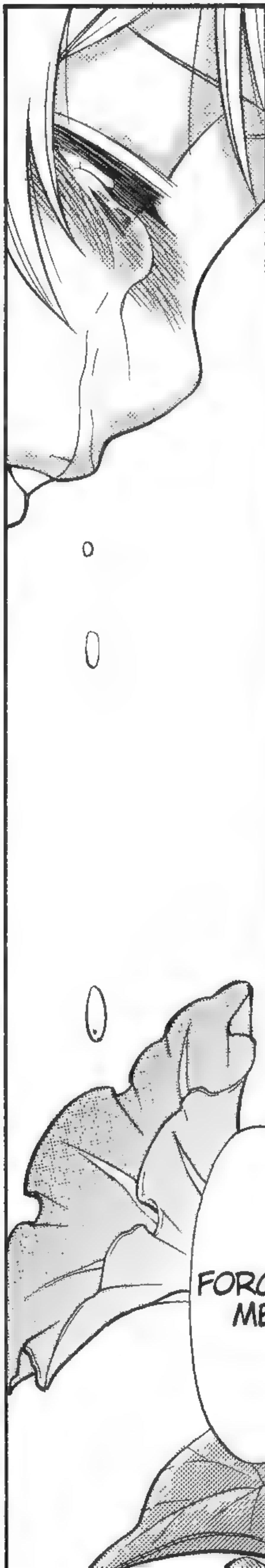
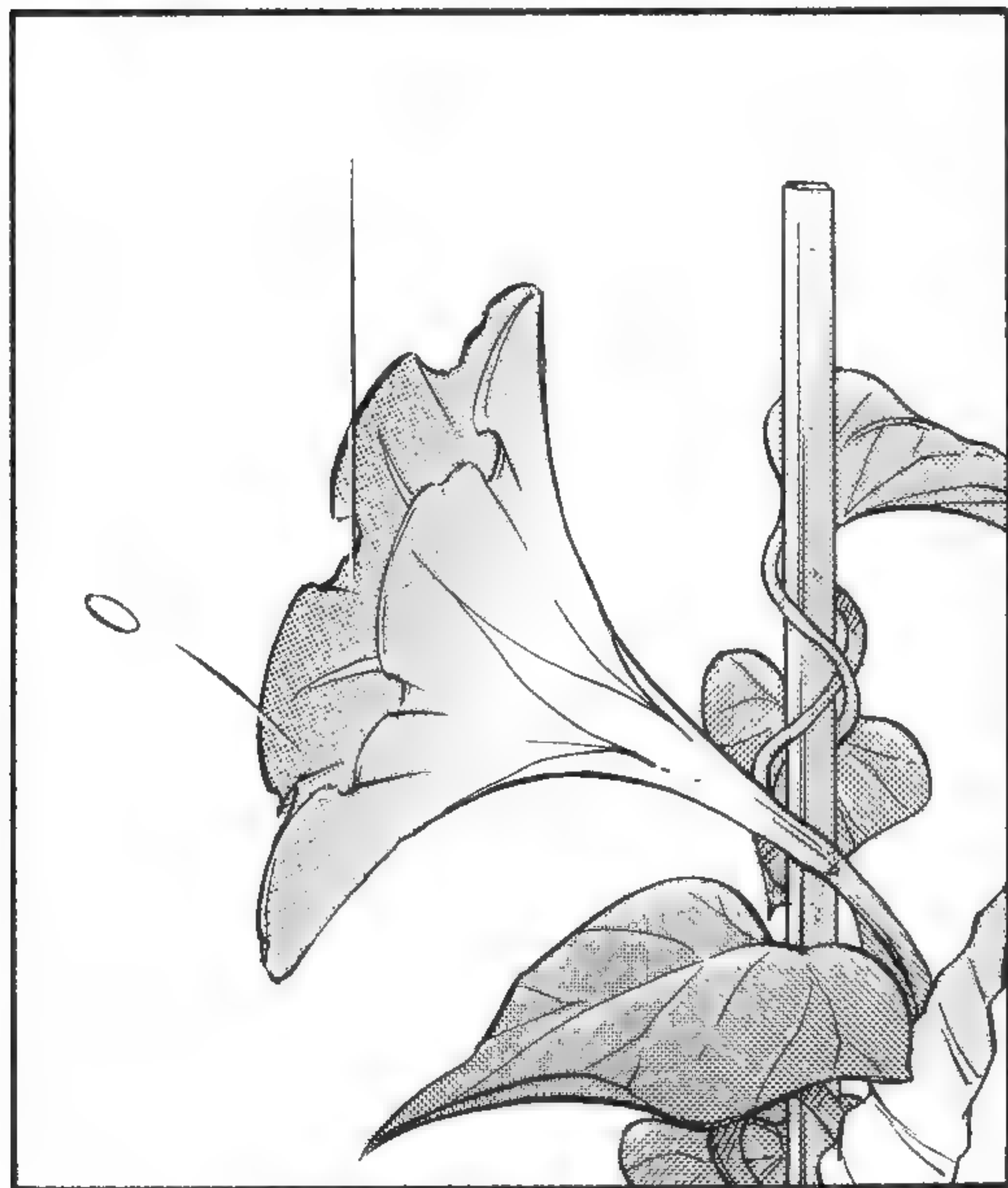
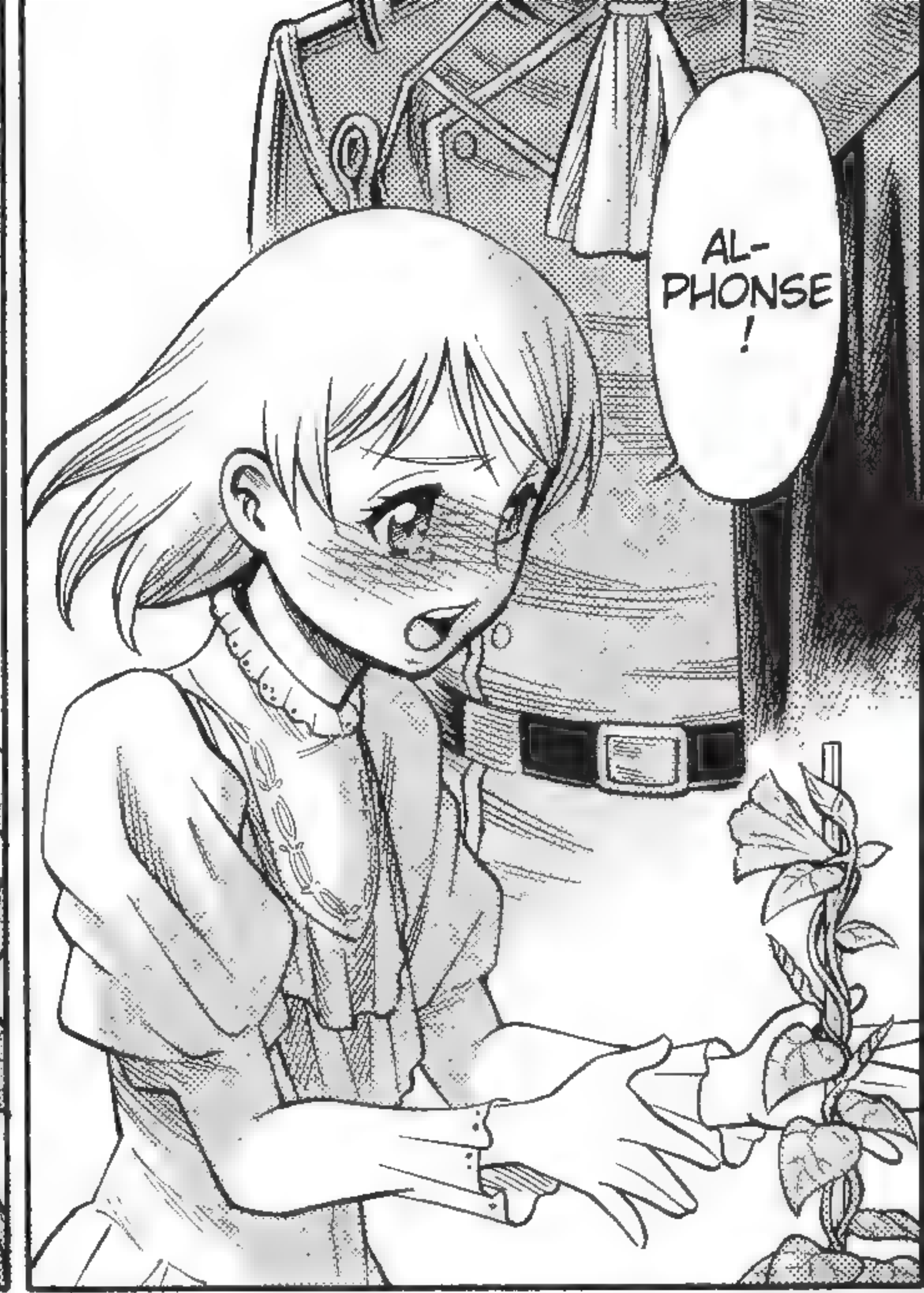
IN MY
NEXT LIFE,
I WANT TO BE
A FLOWER.
A DELICATE,
EPHEMERAL
FLOWER
THAT WOULD
BLOOM AT
DUSK, AND
WILT AWAY
BY DAWN.

THAT
FLOWER...
IT'S
ALPHONSE.

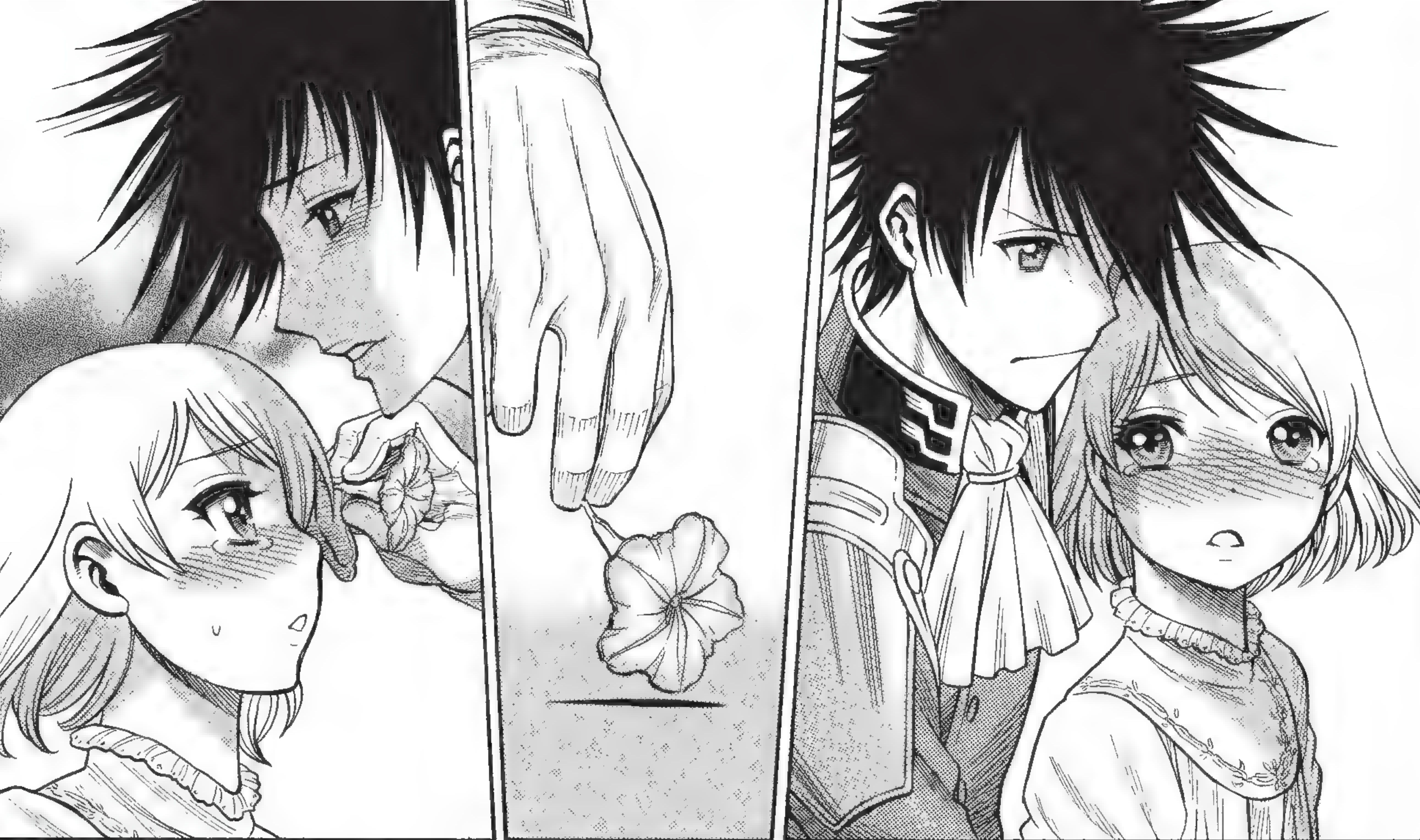
HM
?

HE
TOLD
ME
ONCE.

HE SAID
THAT IF HE
COULD BE
REBORN,
HE'D LIKE
TO BE A
FLOWER.



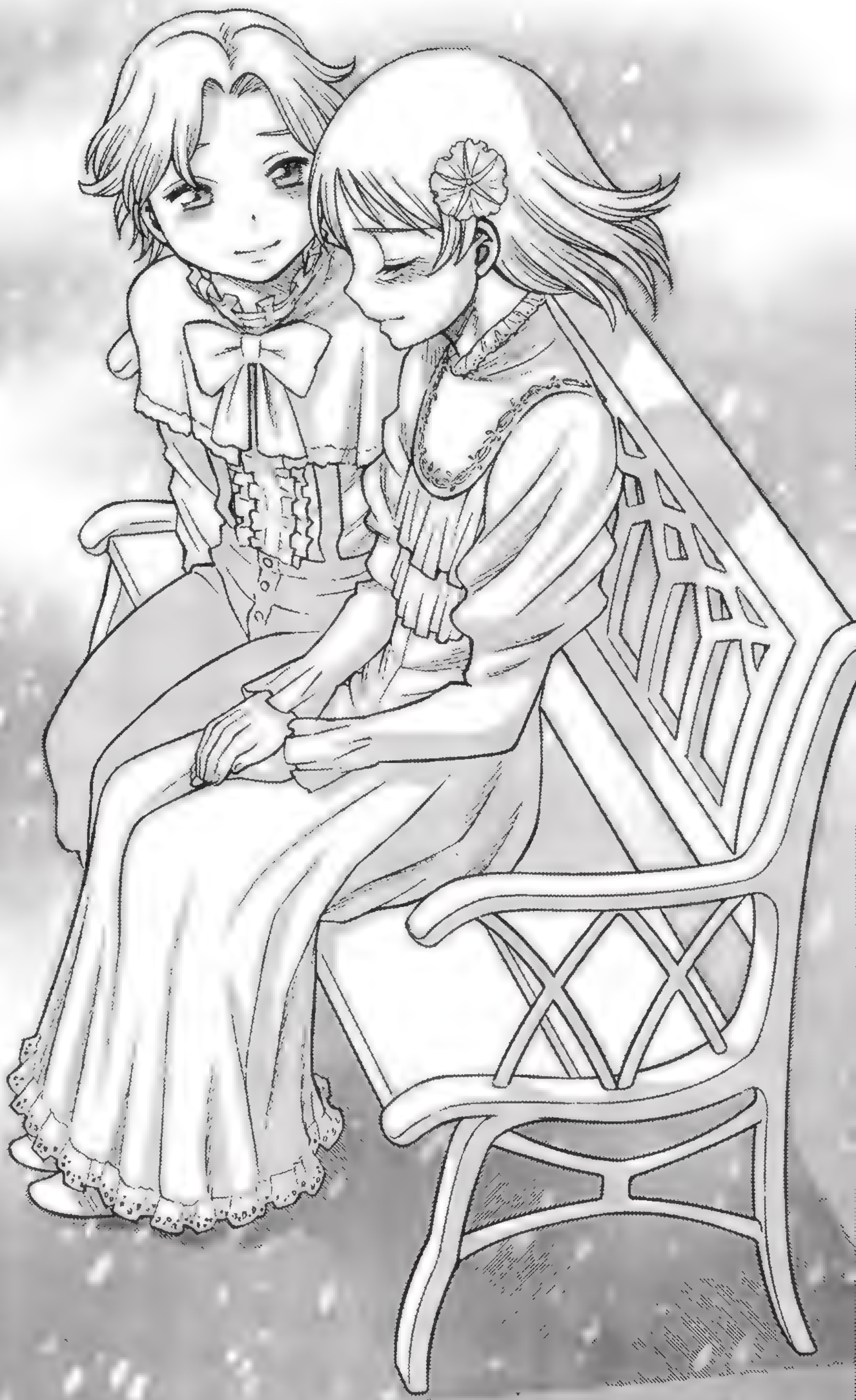
AFTER ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME, NEVER AGAIN COULD I PLUCK SO BEAUTIFUL A FLOWER.

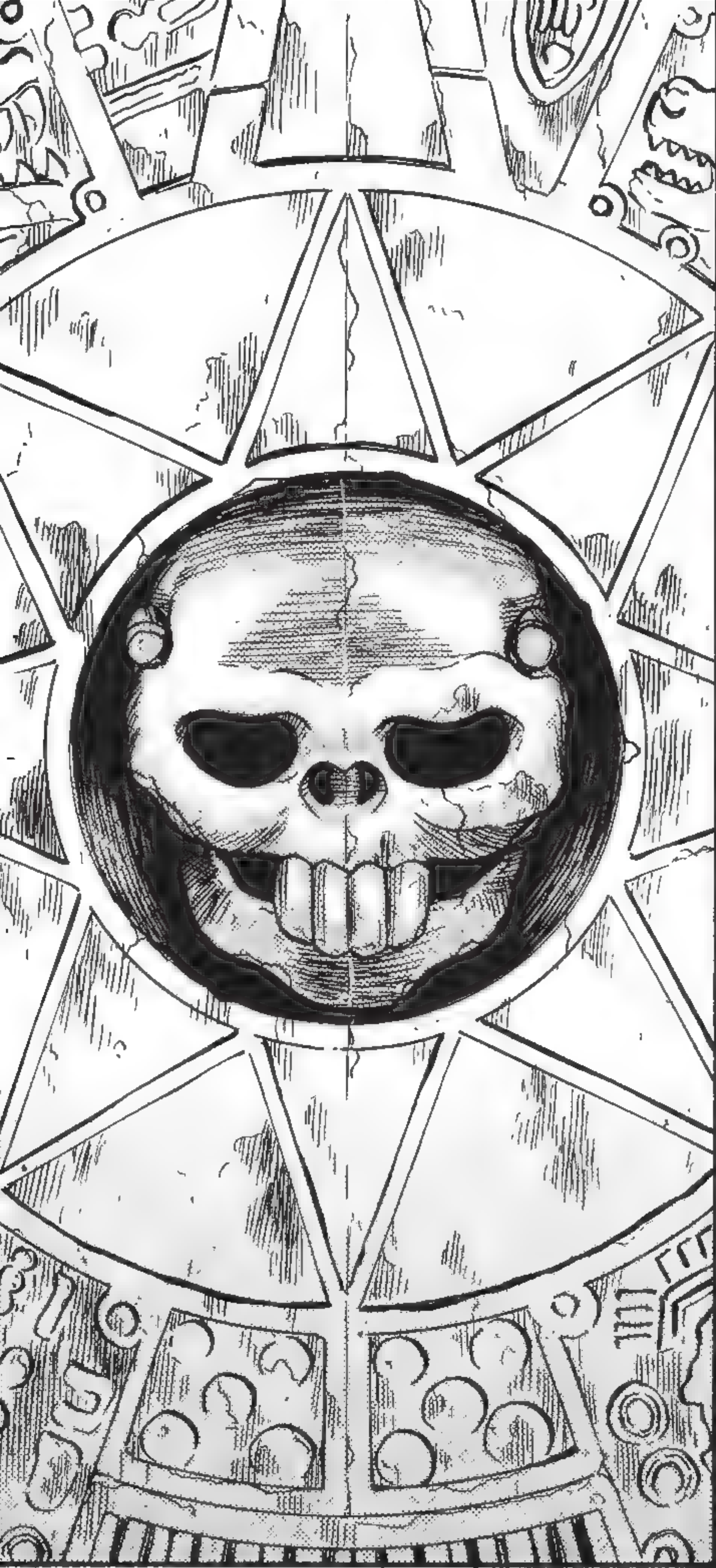


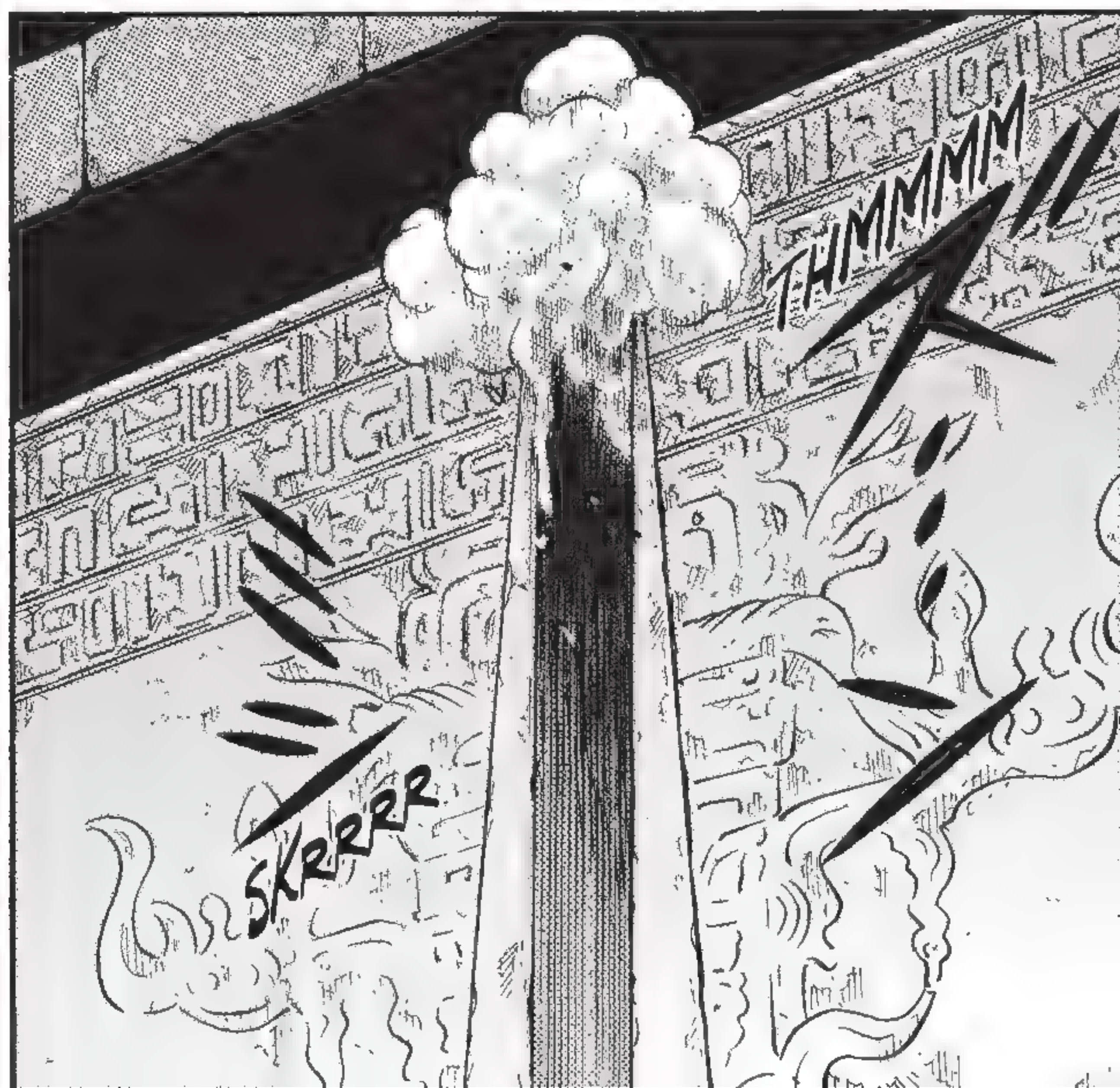
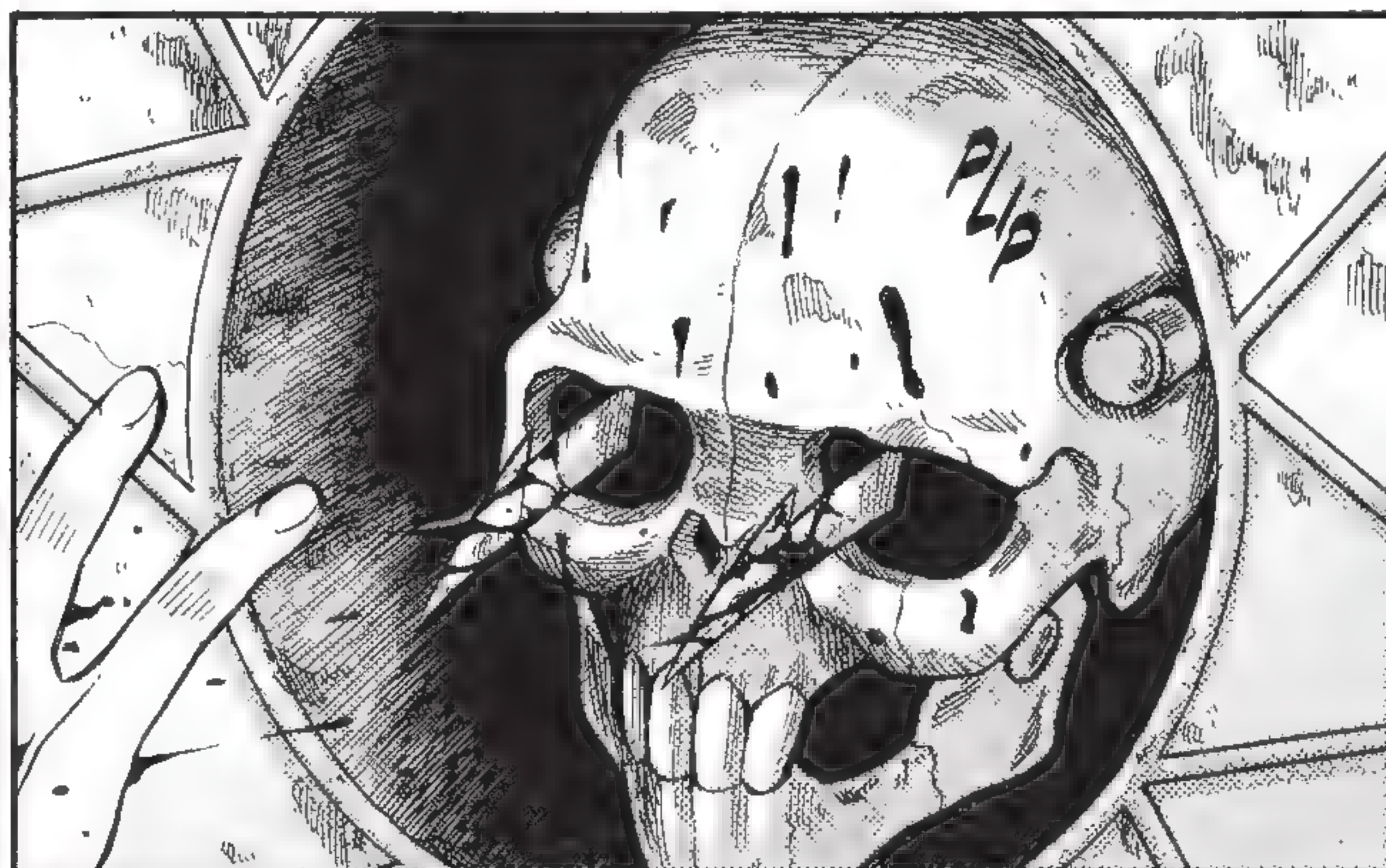
HIME-
SAMA...

I
SHALL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE.

ALWAYS...





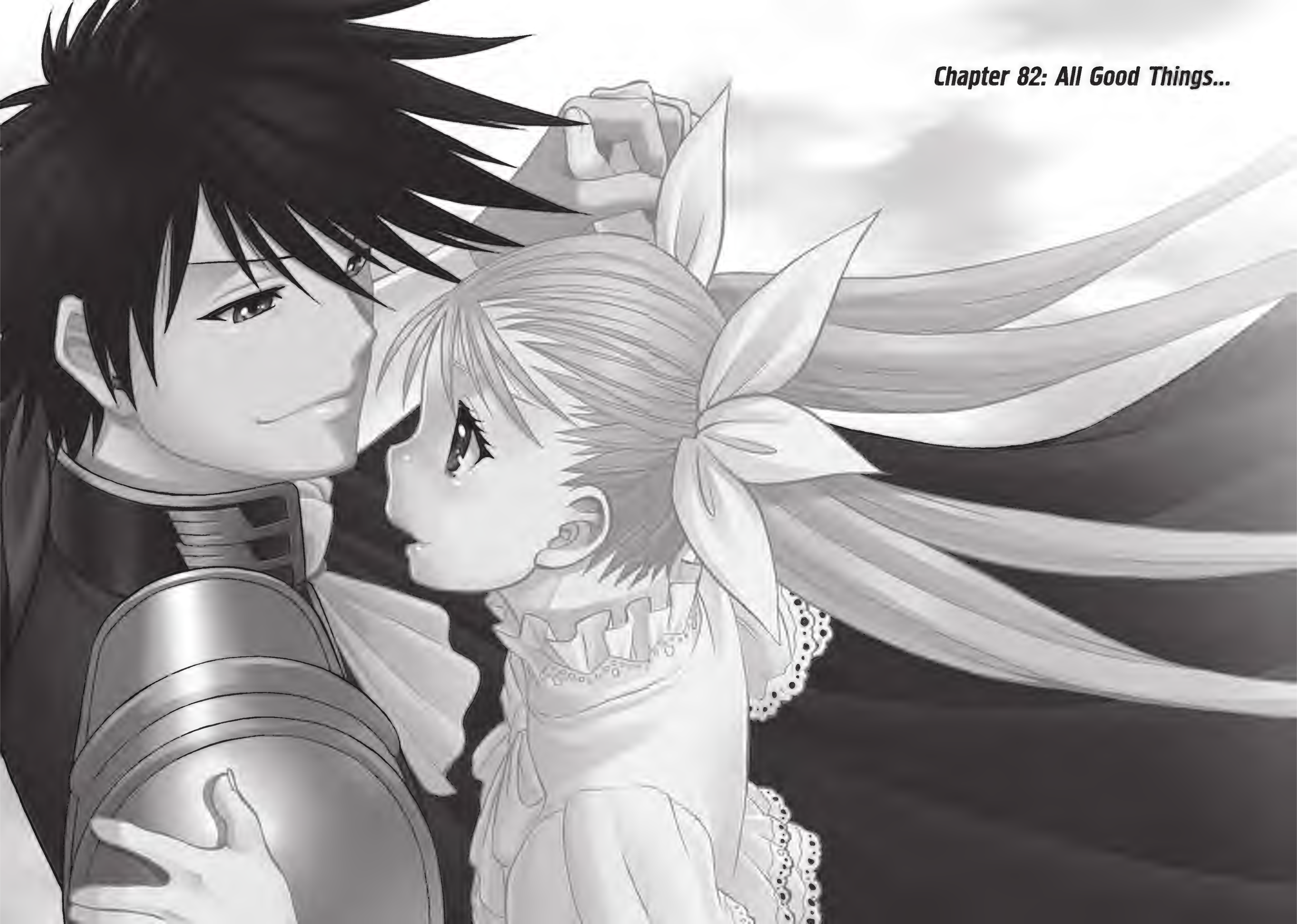


*IT
WAS A
TALE...*

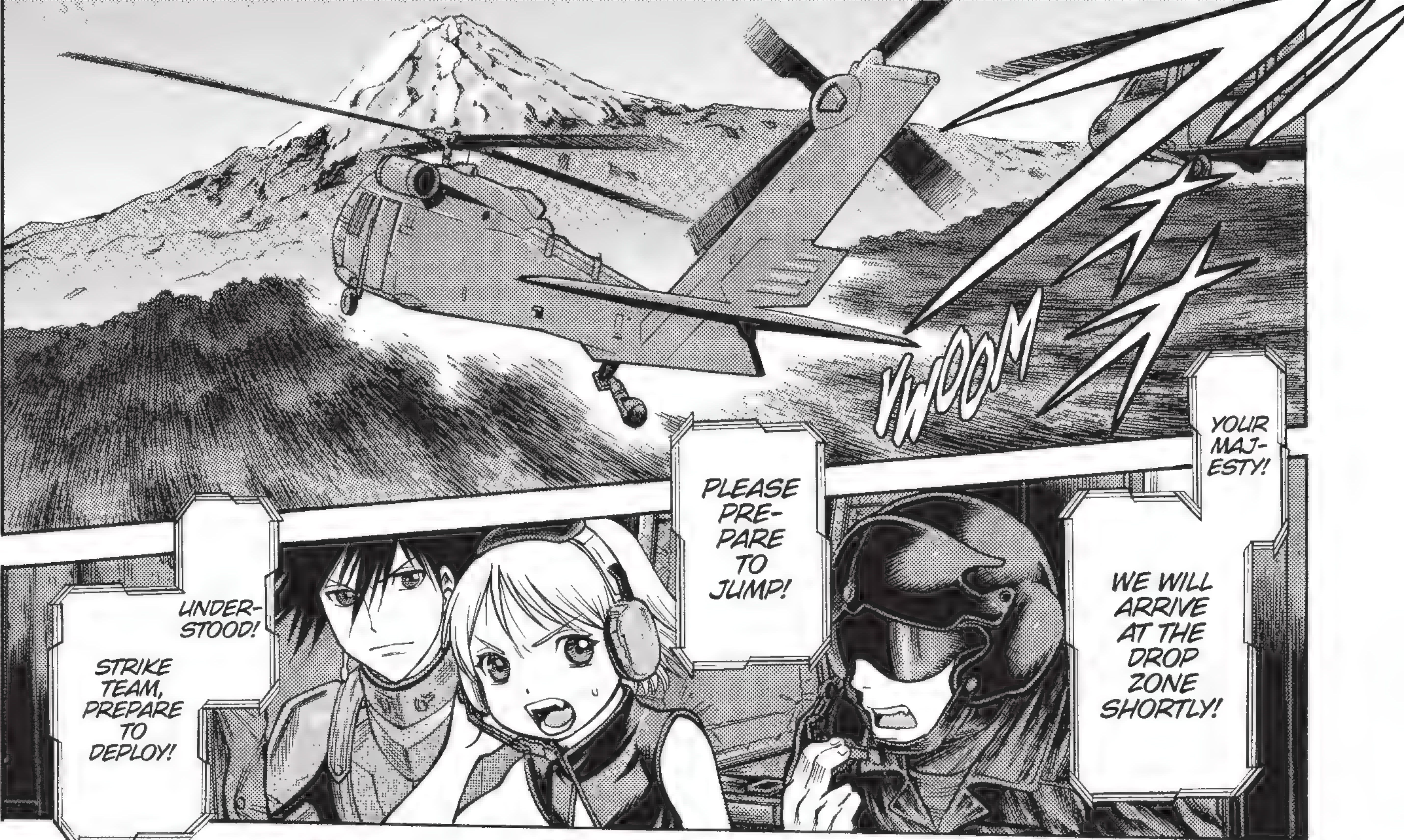
*OF
PROMISES.*



Chapter 82: All Good Things...







STRIKE
TEAM,
PREPARE
TO
DEPLOY!

UNDER-
STOOD!

PLEASE
PRE-
PARE
TO
JUMP!

YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

WE WILL
ARRIVE
AT THE
DROP
ZONE
SHORTLY!



NOT
LONG,
THEN!

"WE BLOW
THE FLUTE
AT 2300
HOURS!"

"ADJUST-
MENTS
TO PIED
PIPER
COMPLETE!"

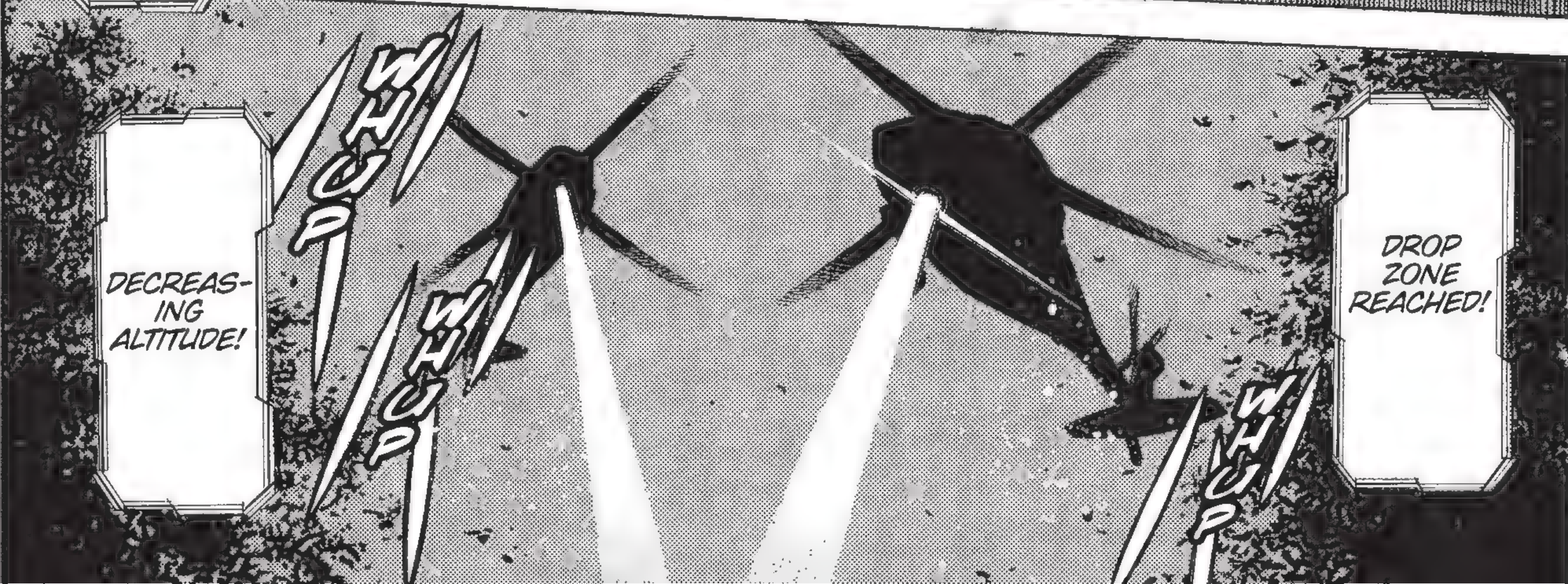
WE HAVE
A COM-
MUNICA-
TION
FROM
COLIN-
CILOR
GOTOH!



ROGER!

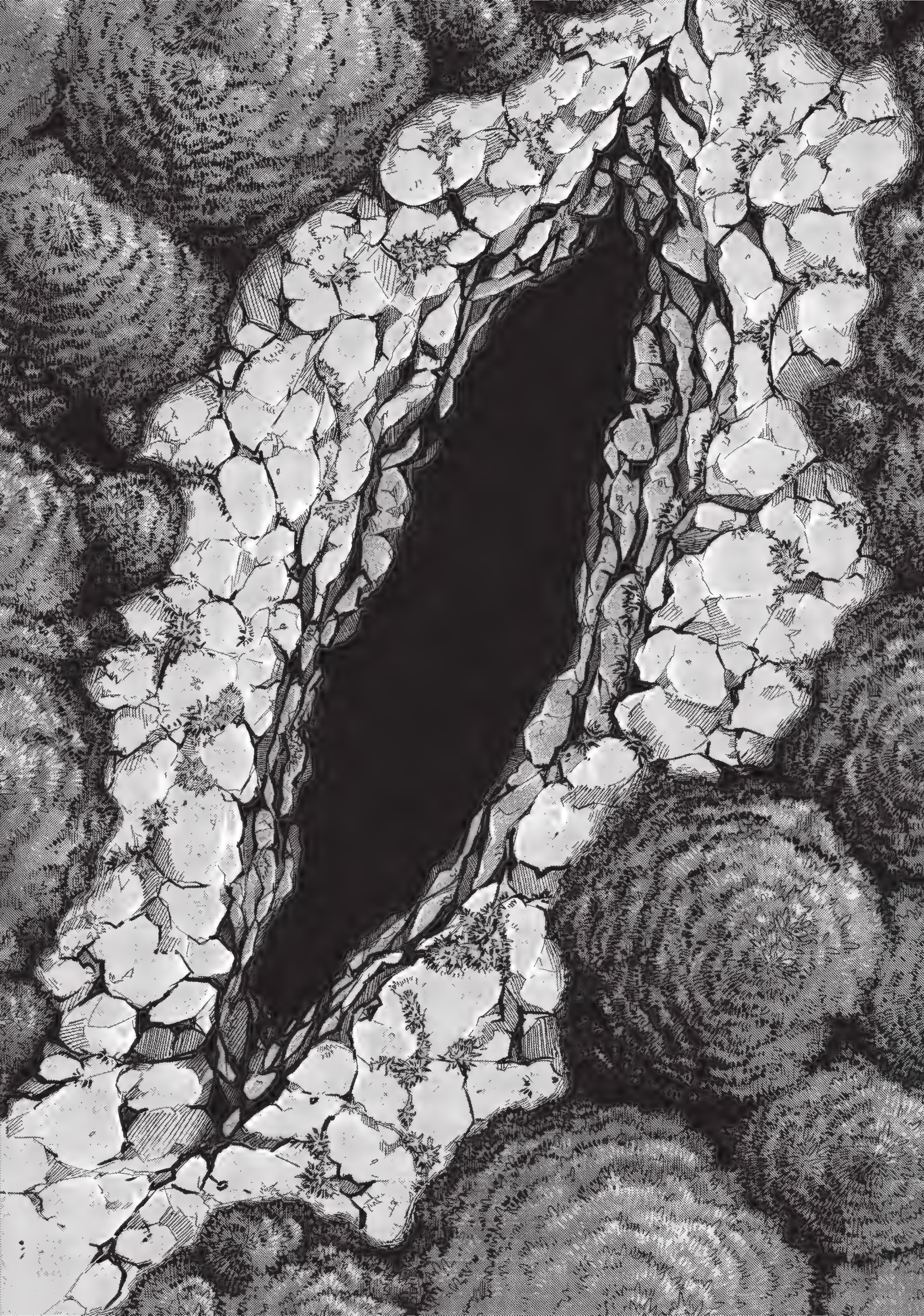
TELL HER
WE PRAY
FOR HER
SUCCESS!

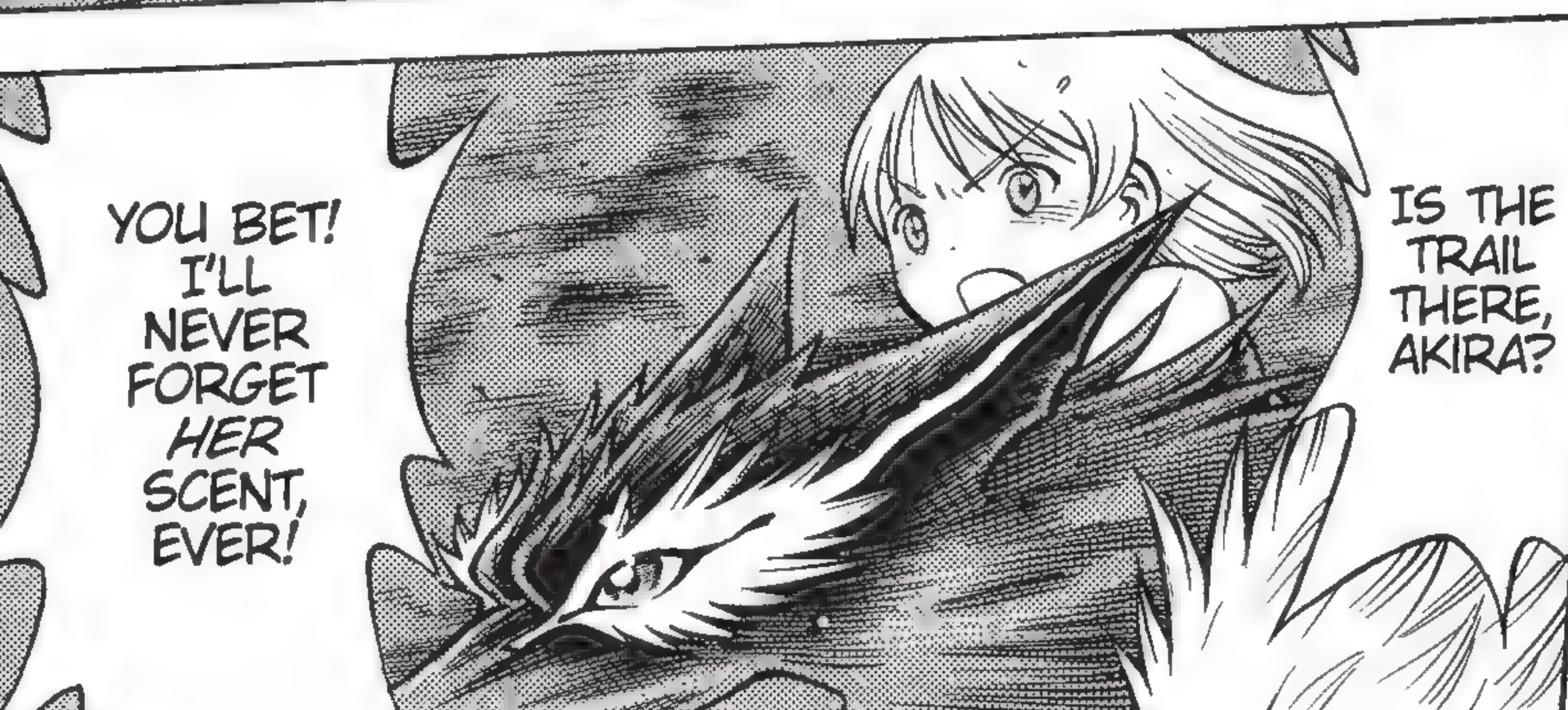
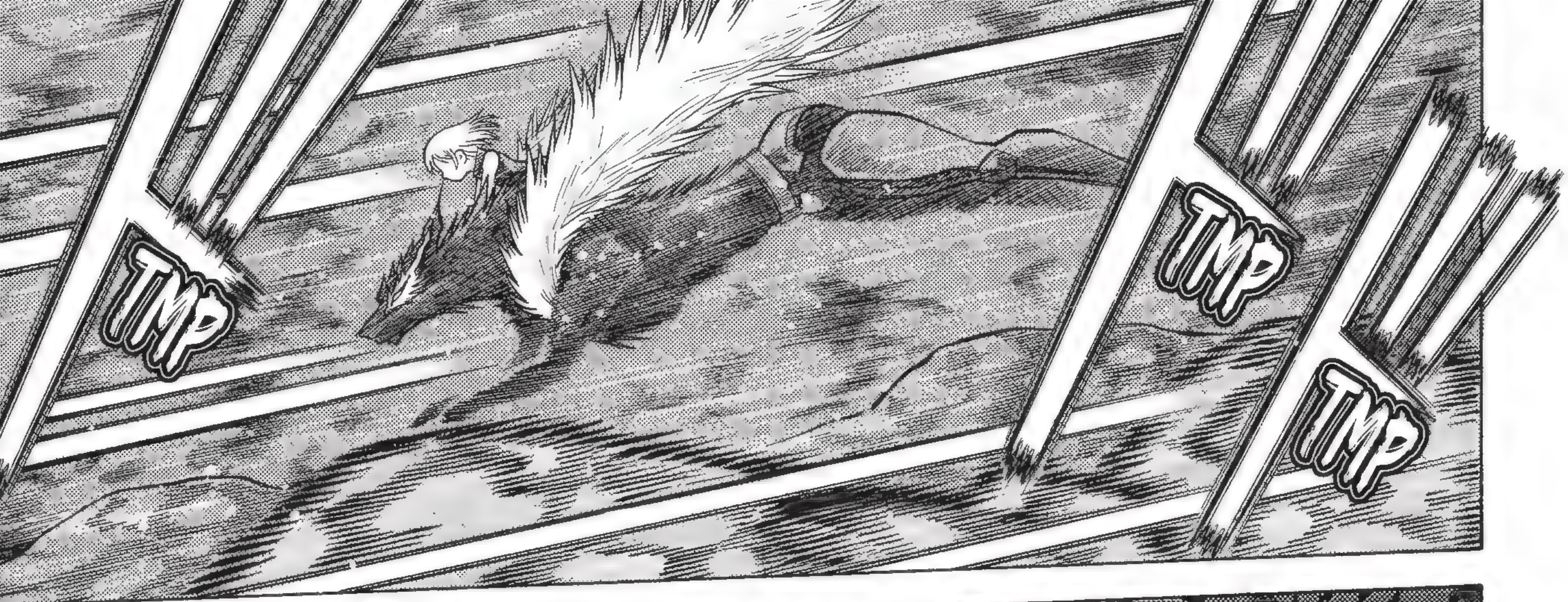
WE WILL
SOON BE
OUT OF
COMMUNI-
CATIONS
RANGE
FOR
HOURS!



DECREAS-
ING
ALTITUDE!

DROP
ZONE
REACHED!





IS THE
TRAIL
THERE,
AKIRA?



THEN
YUKI
WAS
RIGHT!



SHE
HASN'T
LEFT
JAPAN
YET.
I'M SURE
OF IT.



SHE WANTS
IT SO BADLY
THAT SHE
USURPED THE
BLIND AND
MANUFACTURED
A DISASTER
IN JAPAN IN
ORDER TO
GET AT IT!

WHATEVER
IT IS, SHE
FOUND IT
ABOUT FIFTY
KILOMETERS
NORTHEAST
OF THE MAIN
MOUNTAIN.

THE ONLY REASON
I WAS ABLE TO
FIND THIS OUT WAS
BECAUSE SOMEONE
SENT ME THE
DOCUMENTS THAT
PUT ME ON THE
RIGHT TRAIL.

NO.

DID YOU
DISCOVER
ALL
THAT BY
YOURSELF?

YUKI,
YOU ARE
AMAZING!

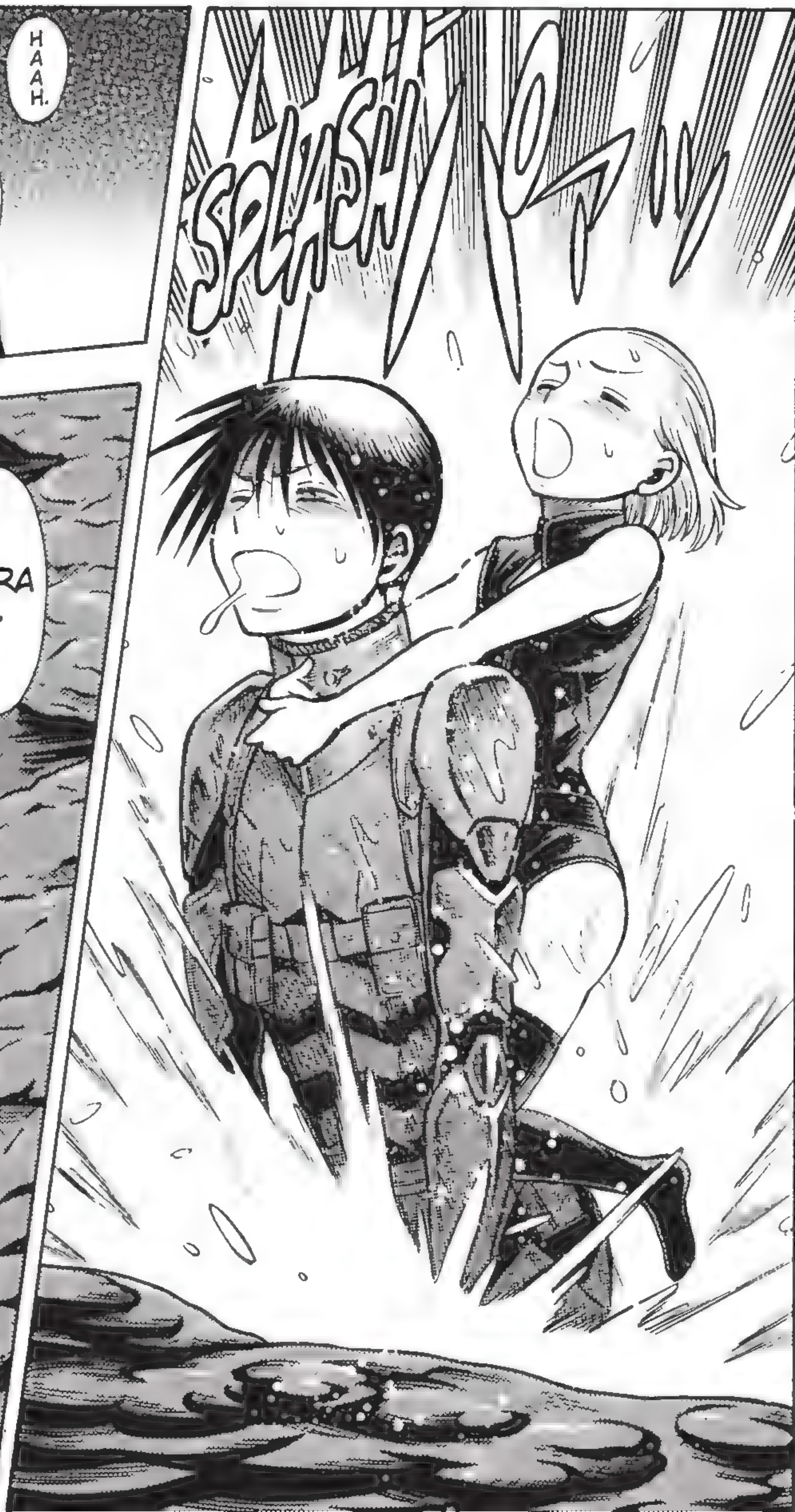
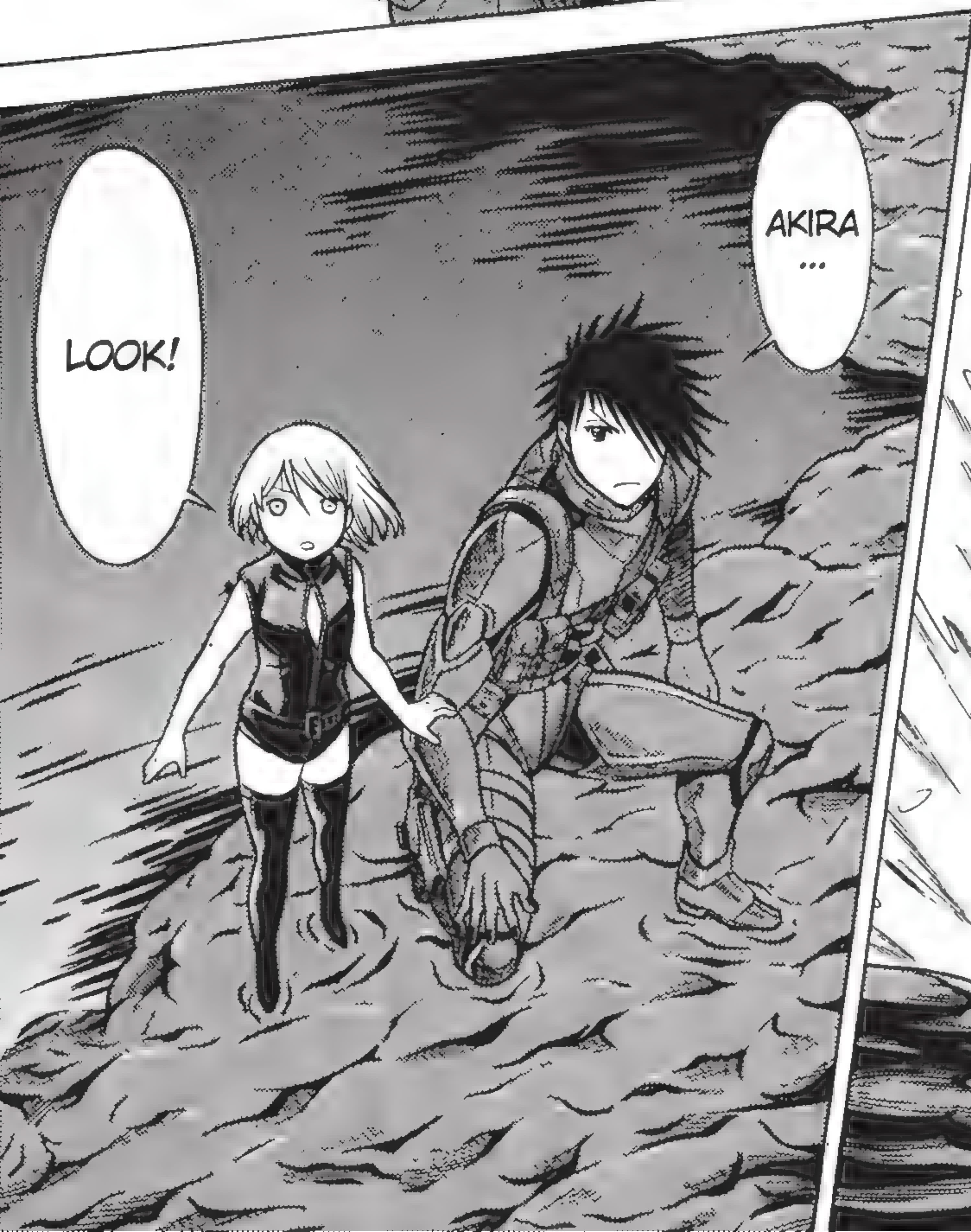
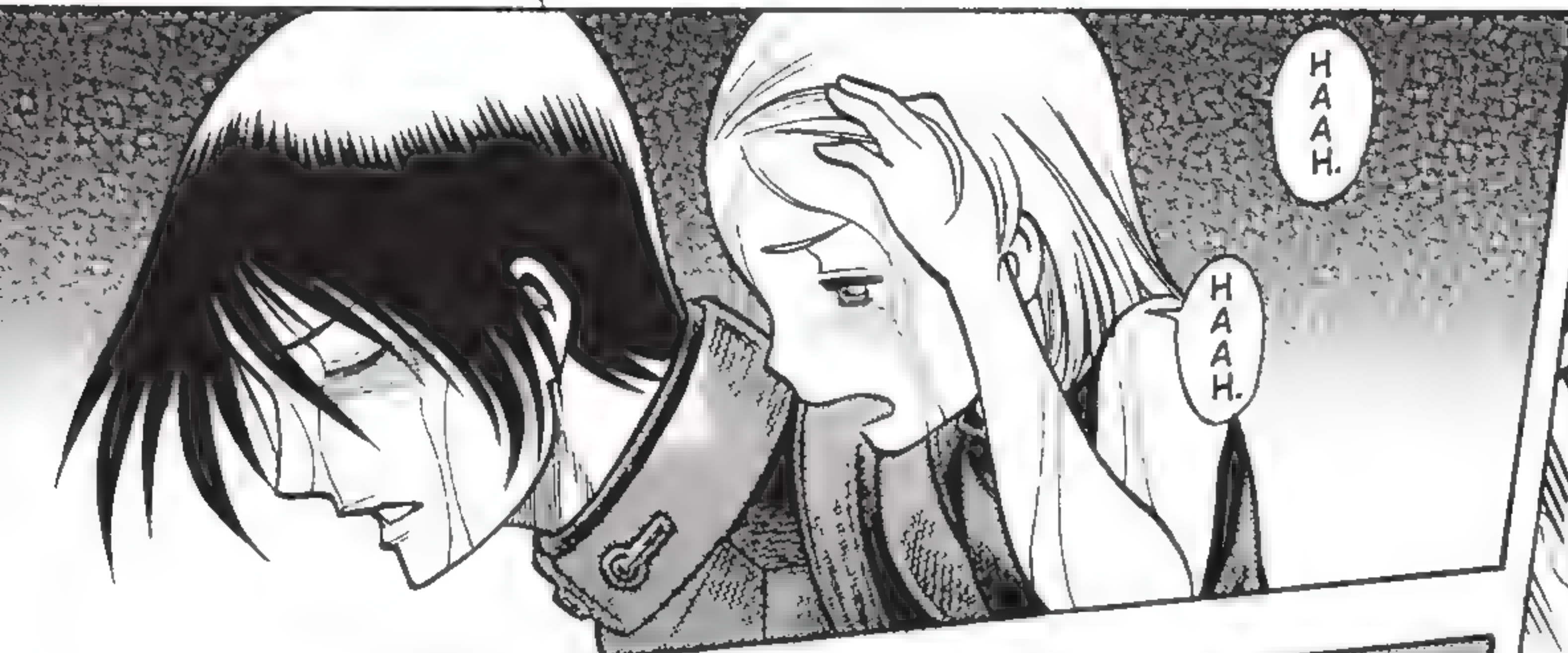
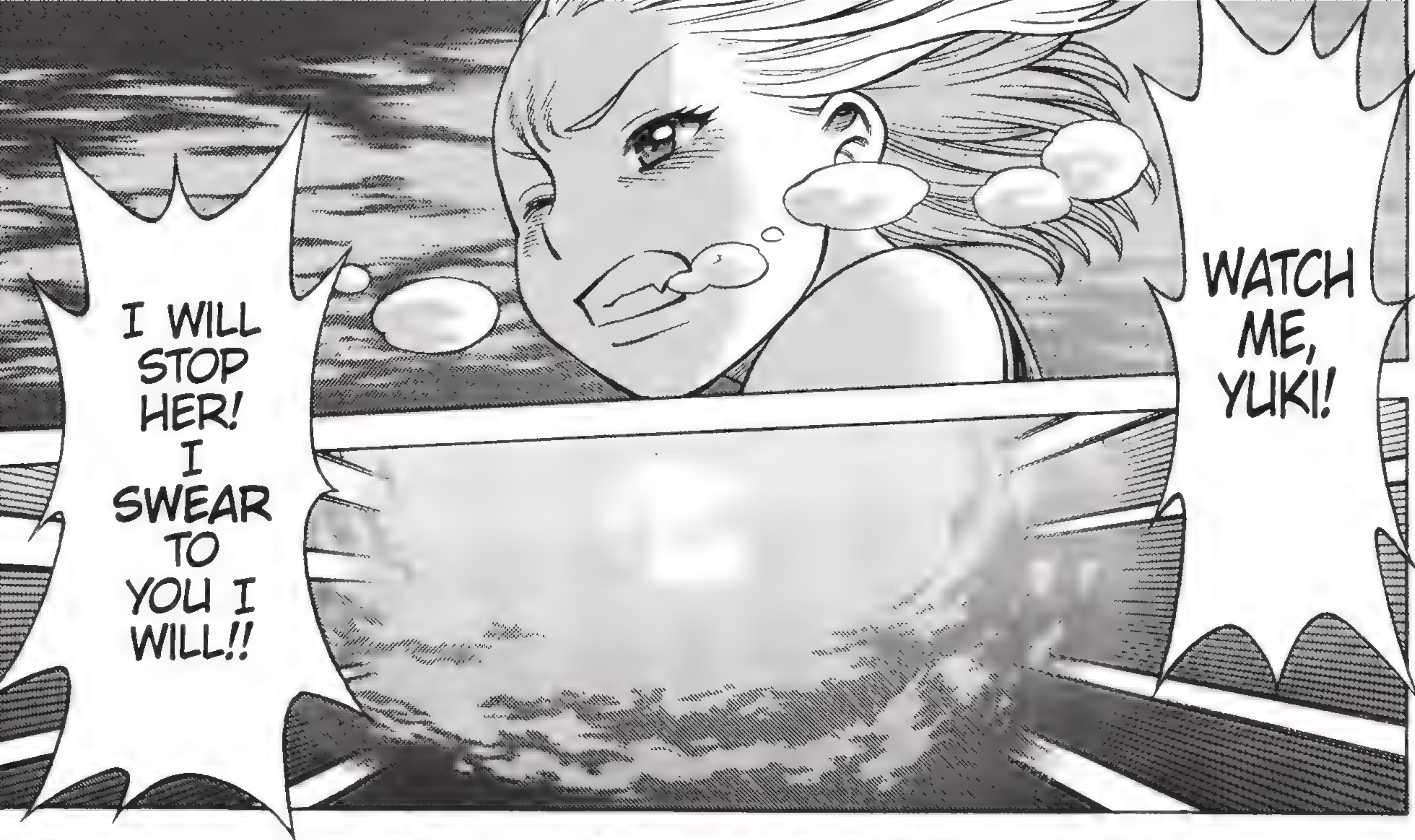
I THINK HE
GAVE IT TO
ME AS A
PRESENT
FOR COMING
UP WITH
THE RIGHT
ANSWER.

THE EXACT
LOCATION
WAS ON AN
SD CARD,
HIDDEN IN
A YUUGAO
PLANT.

NOT JUST
FOR US,
BUT FOR
ALPHONSE'S
SAKE,
TOO!

HIME-SAMA,
PLEASE
CATCH HER
BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

BLOOSH



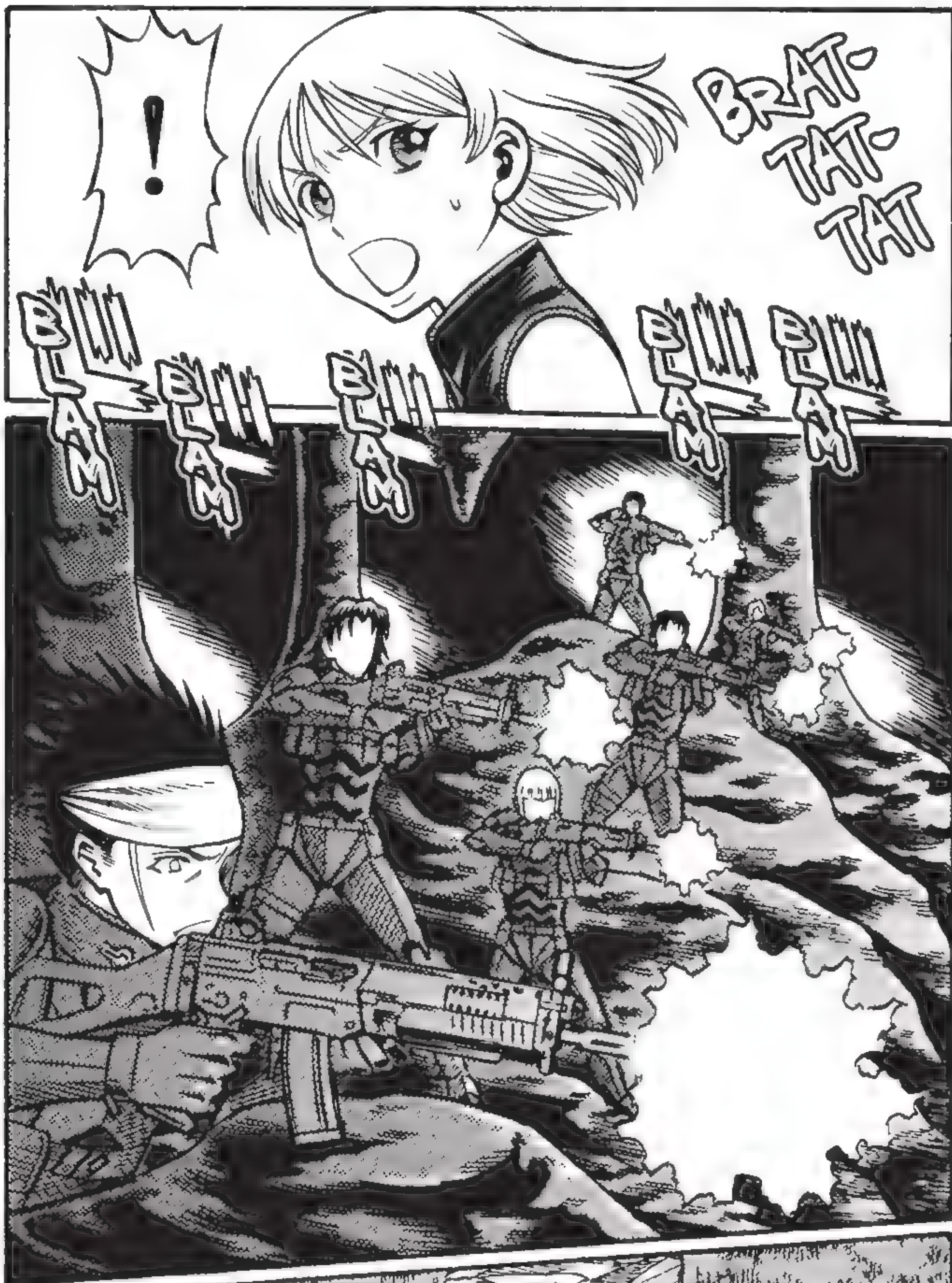




THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE WE FOUND UNDER THE AMAZON.

ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME, EVEN.

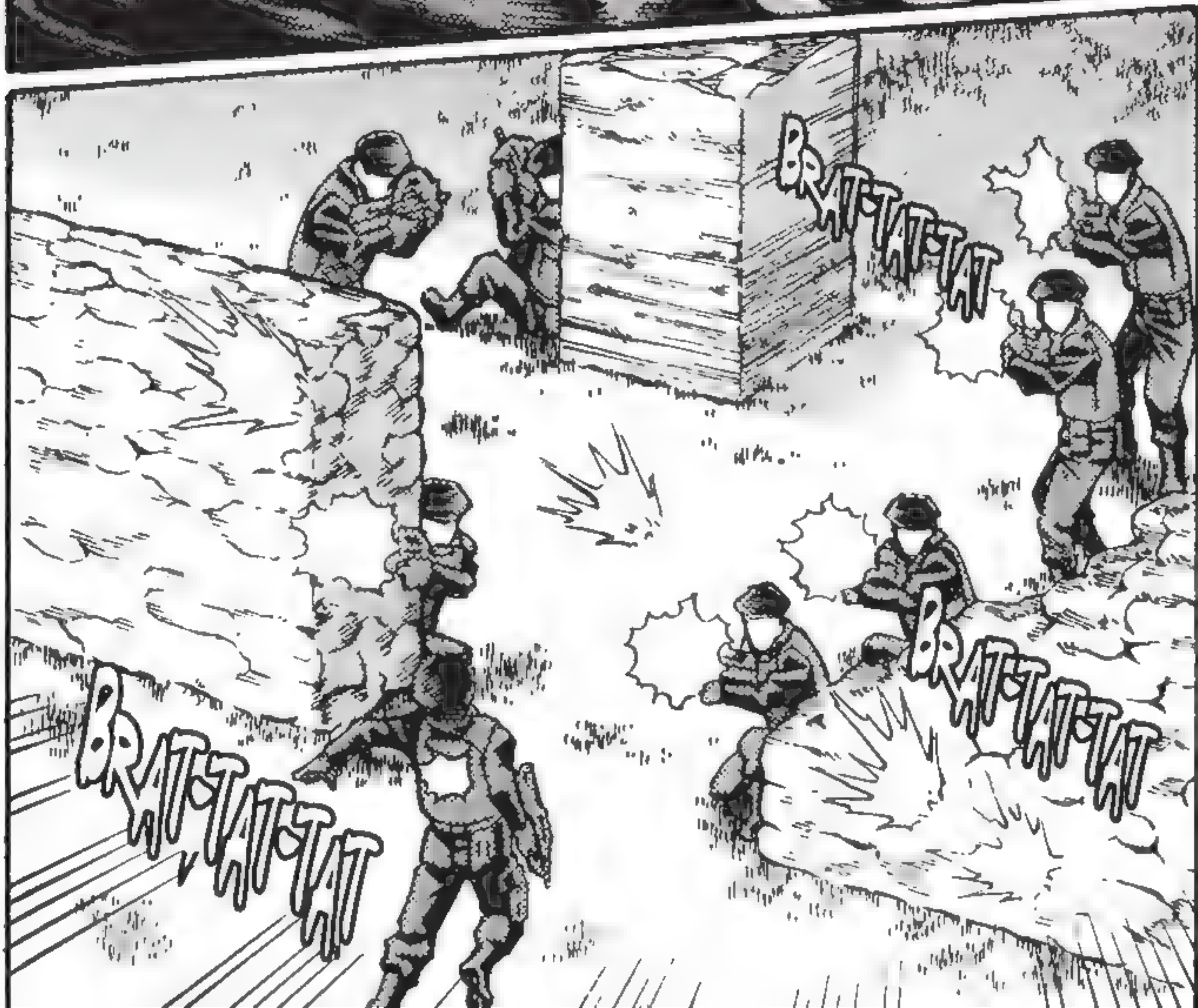
MY WORD!



BRAT TAT TAT

BLAM BLAM

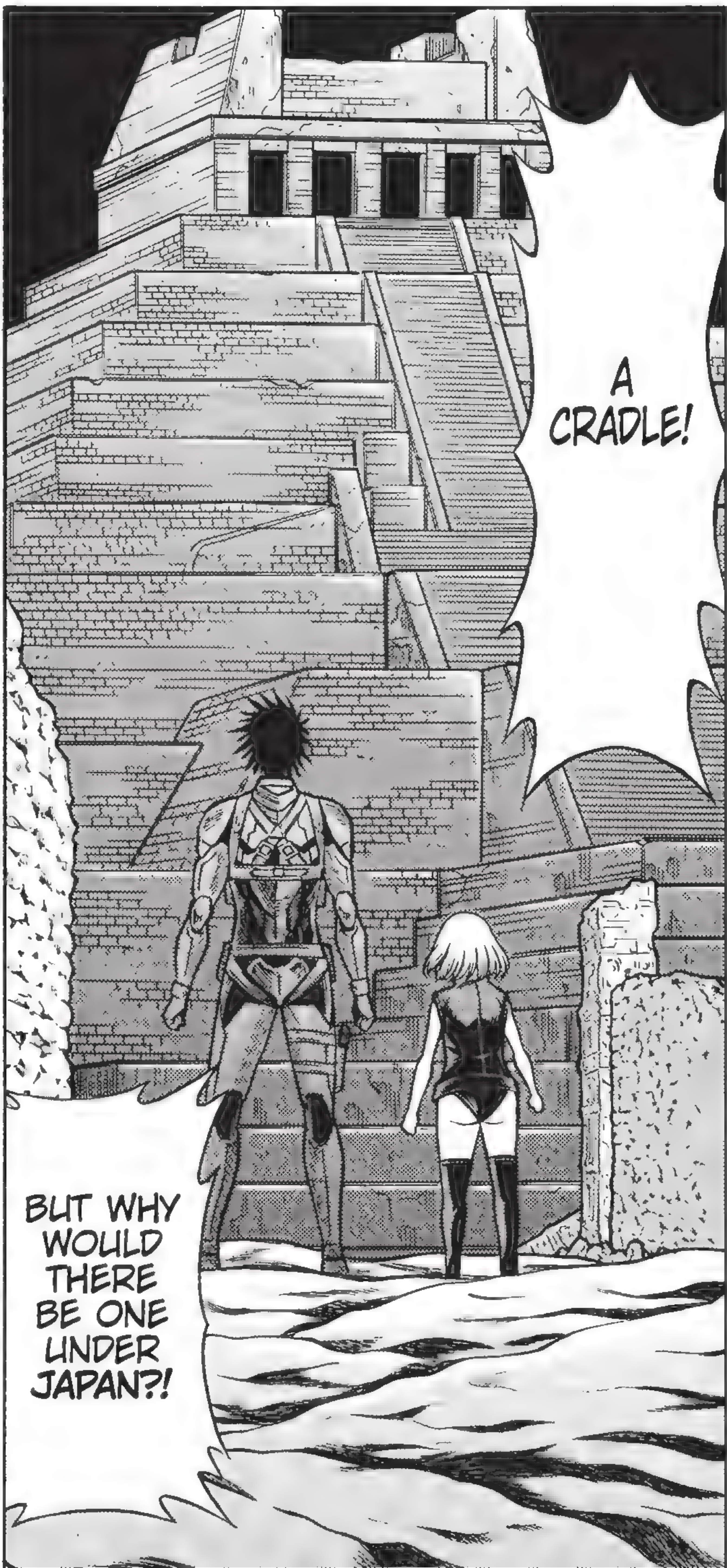
BLAM BLAM



BRAT TAT TAT

BRAT TAT TAT

BRAT TAT TAT



A CRADLE!

BUT WHY WOULD THERE BE ONE UNDER JAPAN?!



YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!



YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY!

YOU...
YOU'RE
ALL
RIGHT!

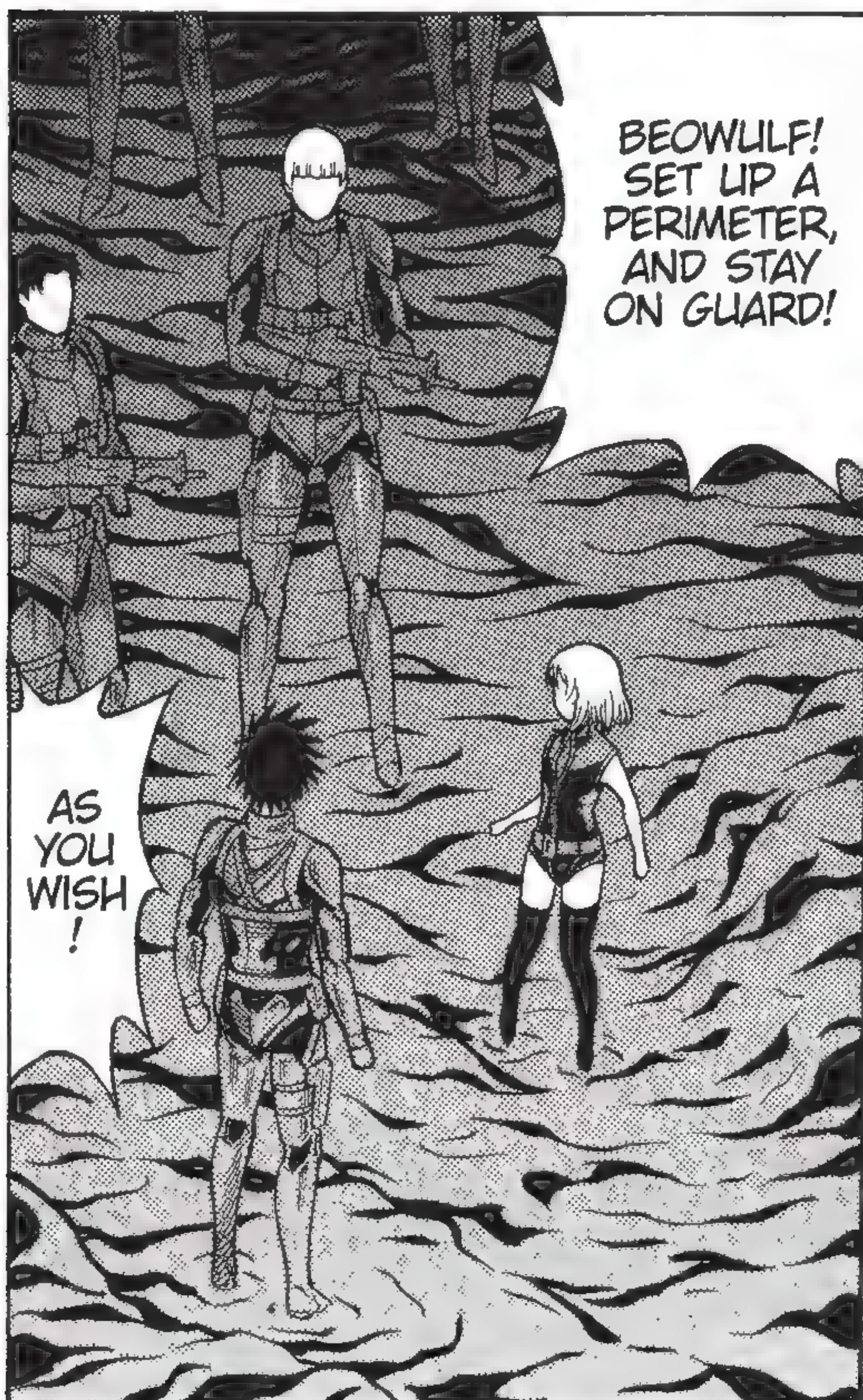
THANK
GOD
YOU'RE
OKAY!



HOLD
YOUR
FIRE!

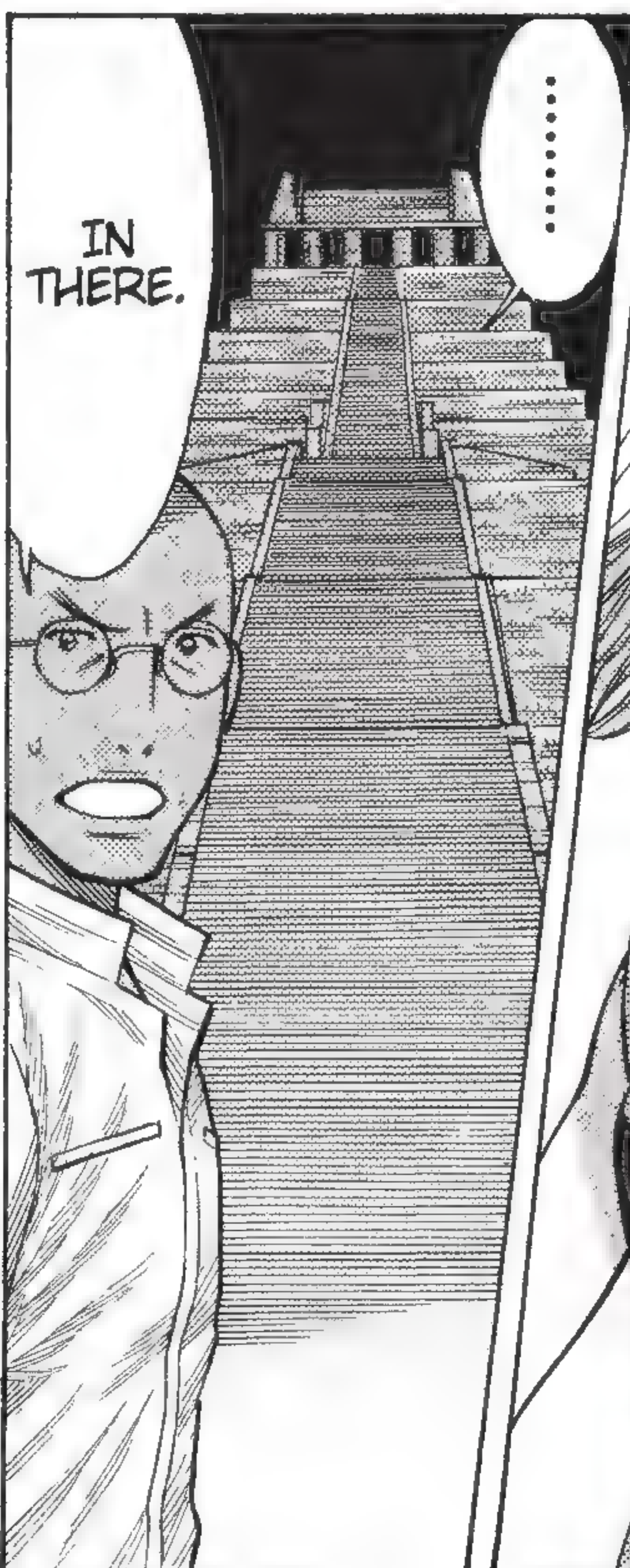
I, YOUR
RIGHTFUL
QUEEN,
ORDER
YOU
TO PUT
DOWN
YOUR
WEAPONS
!!

DO
NOT
RESIST
US!



BEOWULF!
SET UP A
PERIMETER,
AND STAY
ON GUARD!

AS
YOU
WISH
!



IN
THERE.



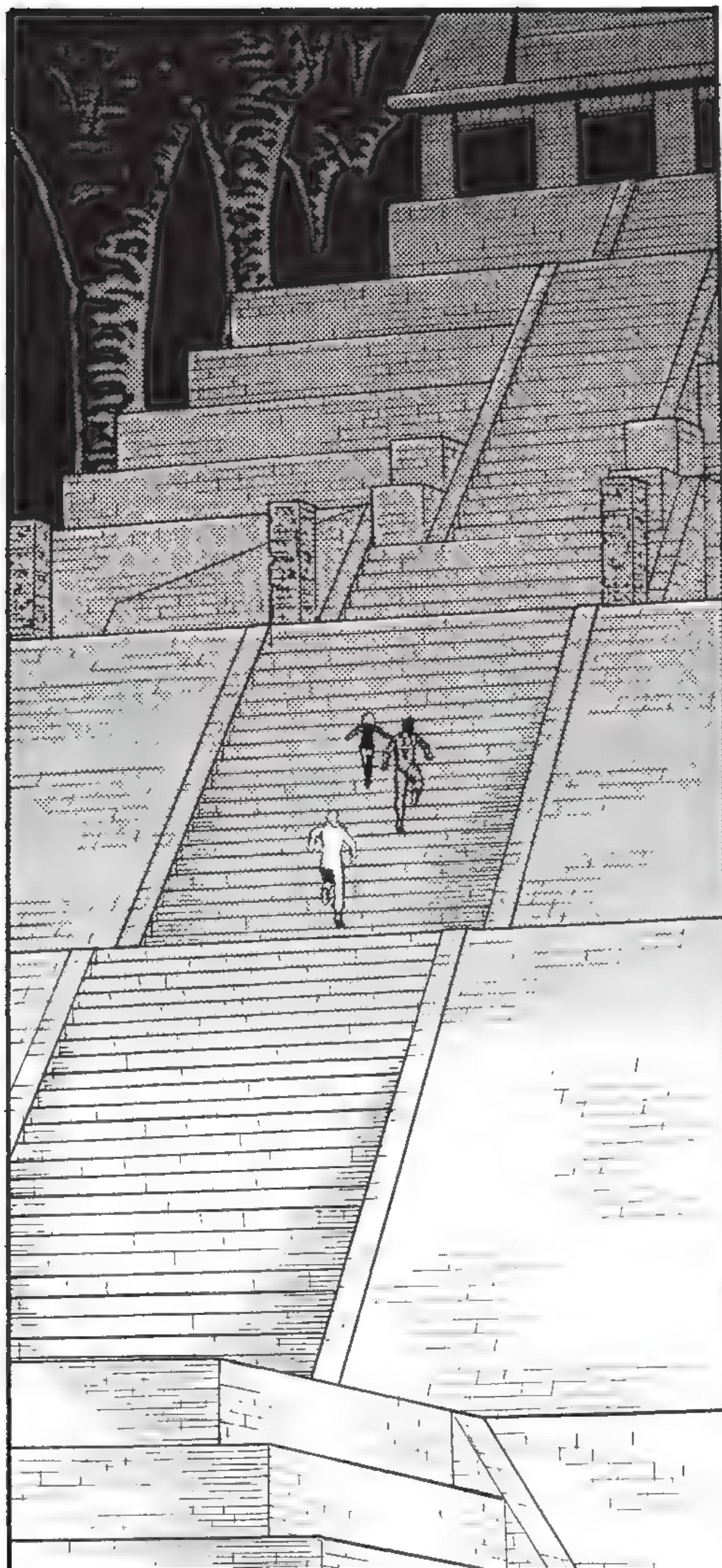
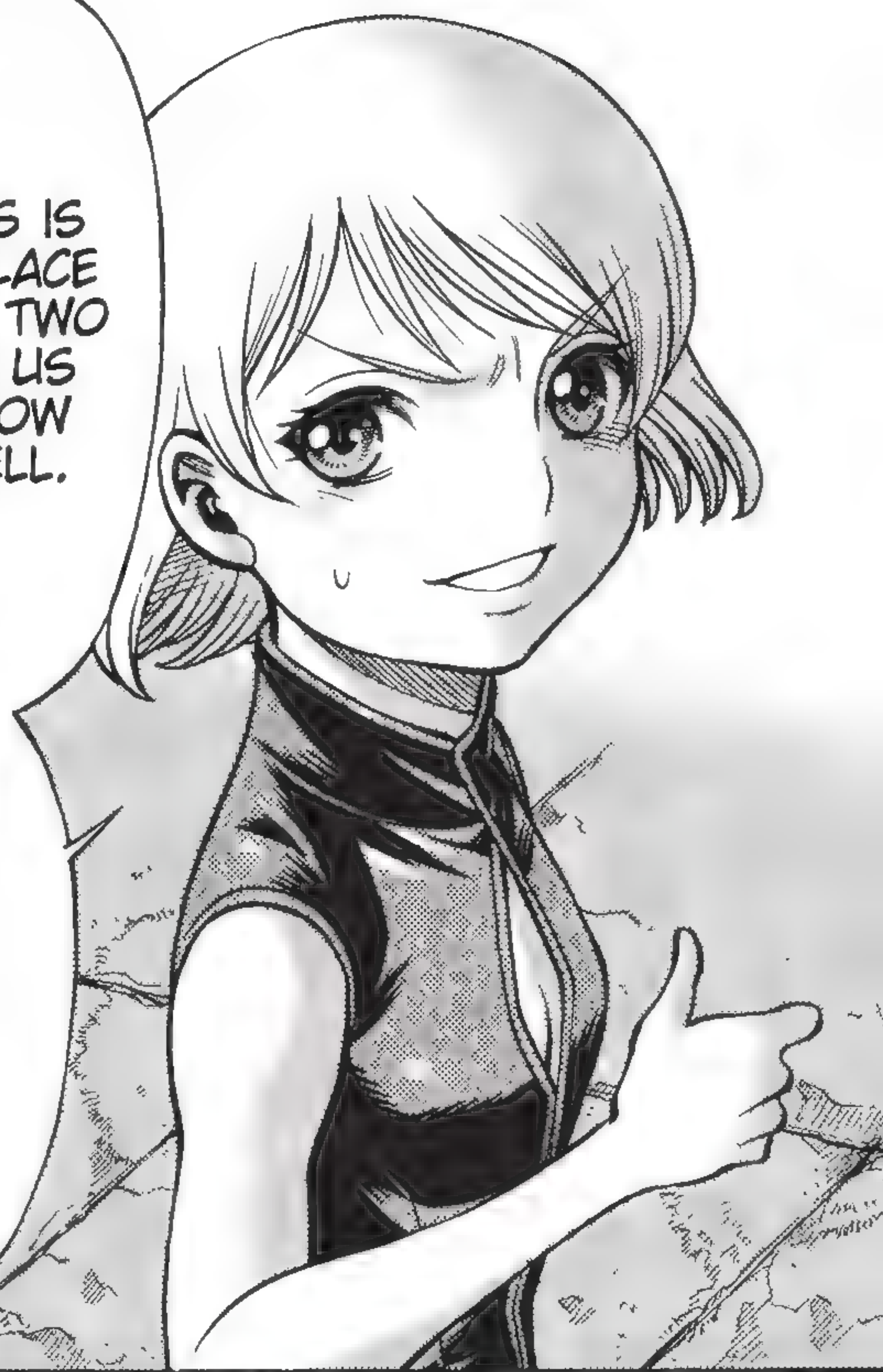
WHERE
IS
SHE?



YOU
GOT
IT!

THIS IS
A PLACE
THE TWO
OF US
KNOW
WELL.

AKIRA,
YOU
AND I
WILL
GO IN.



ALL
RIGHT,
YOU
MAY
JOIN
US.

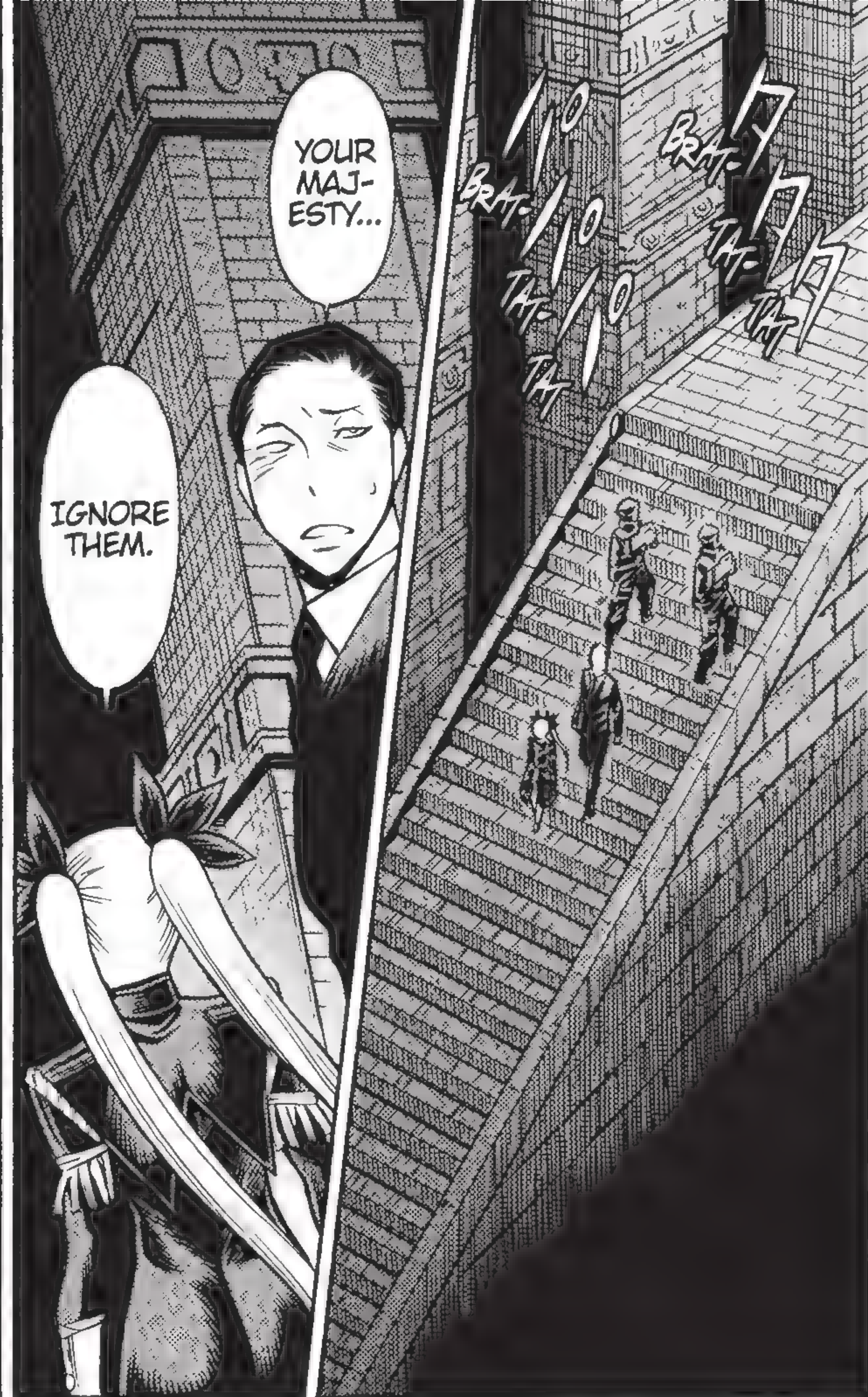
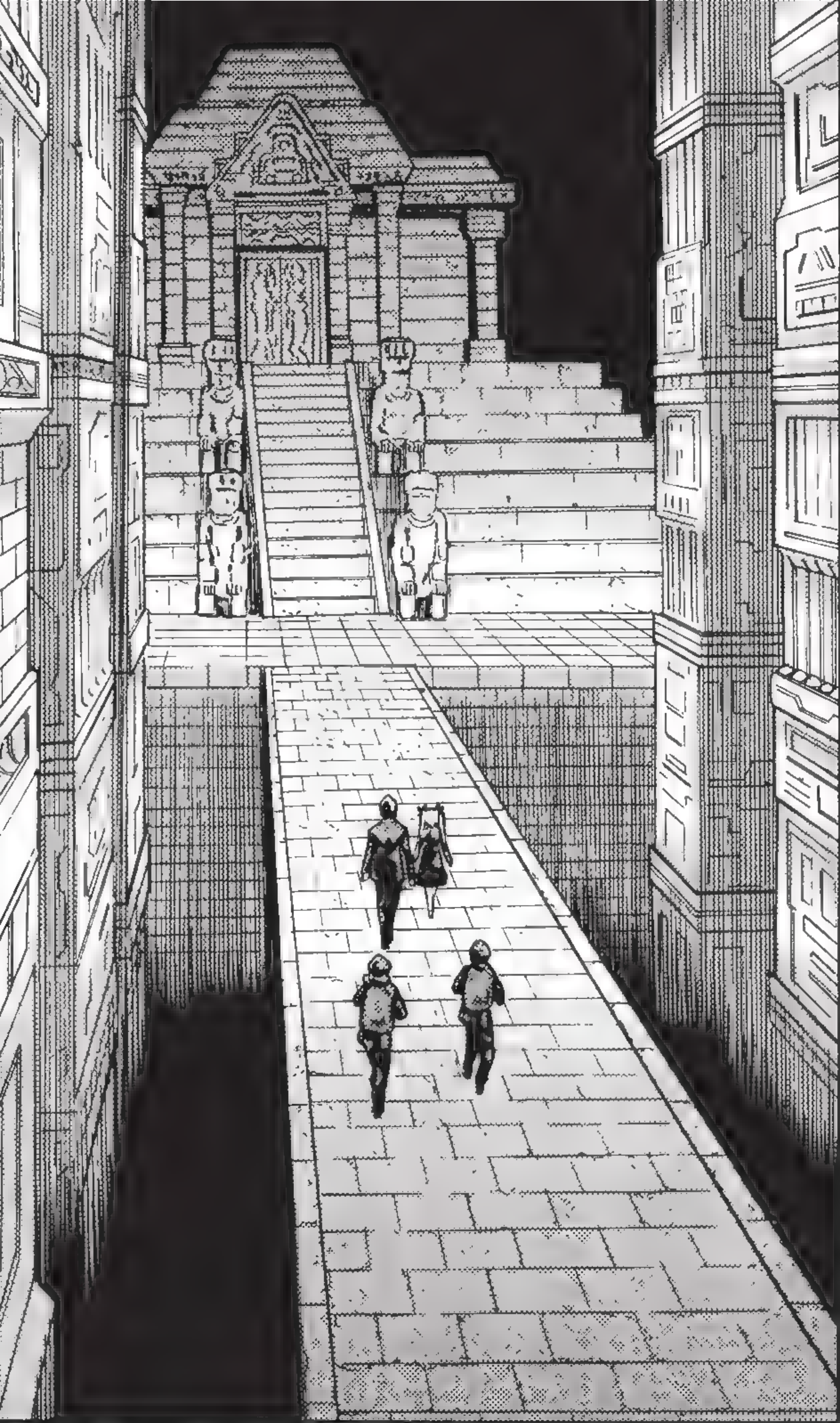
TRY
TO
KEEP
UP!

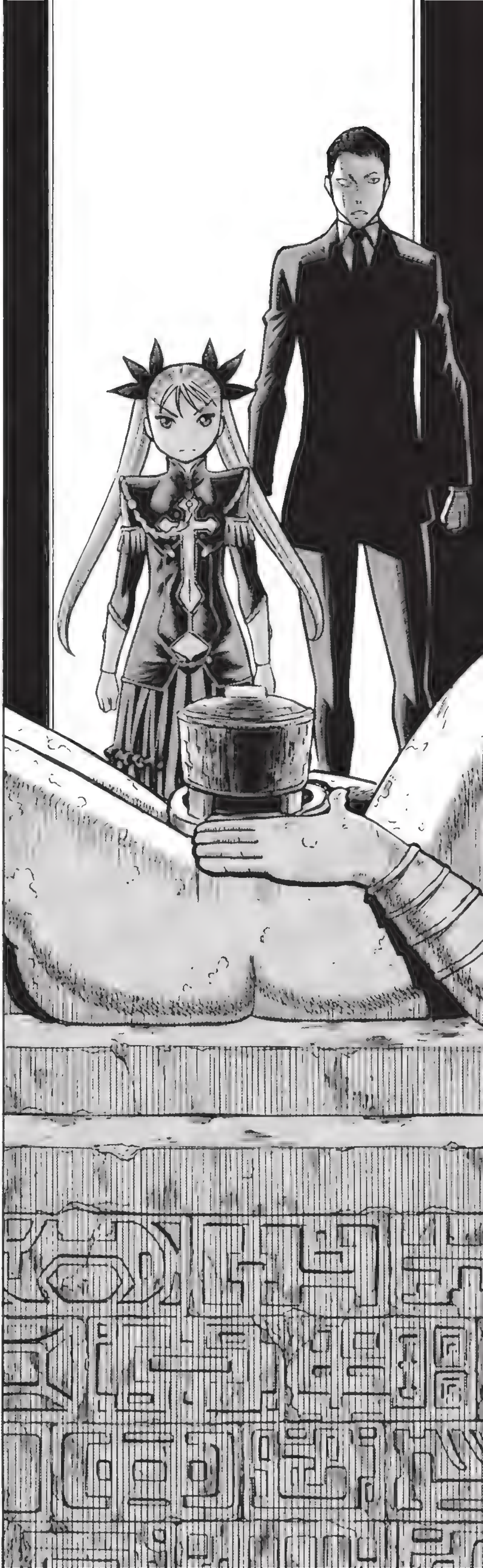


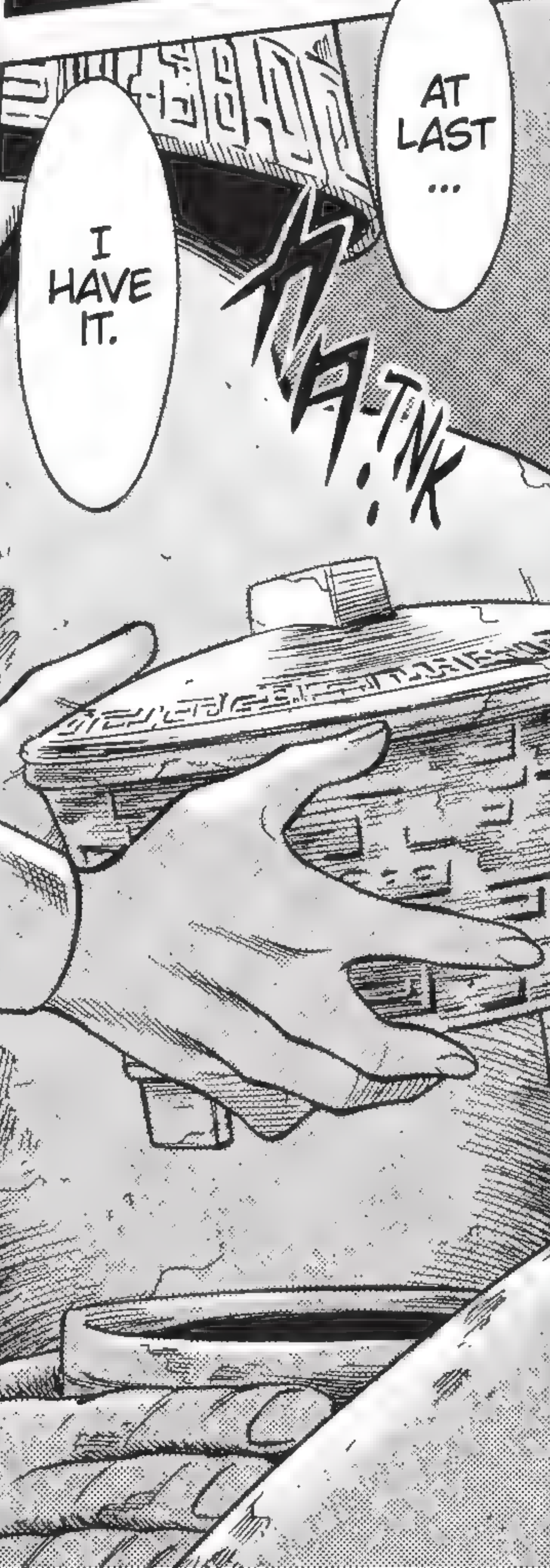
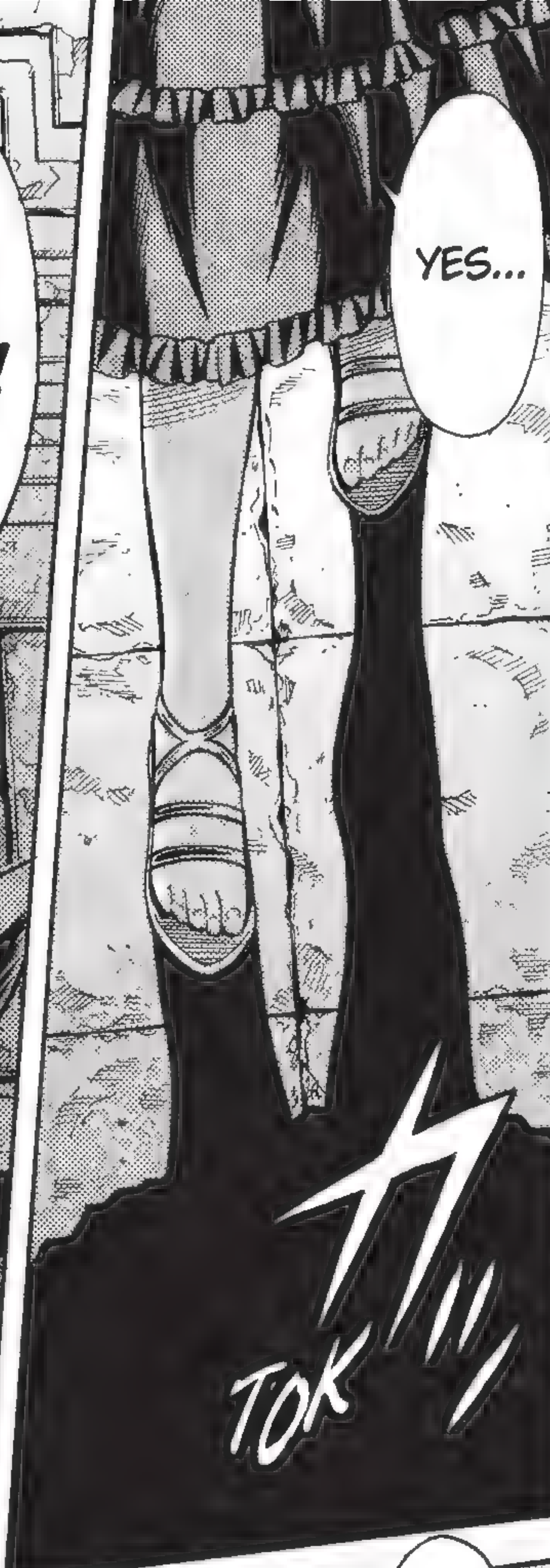
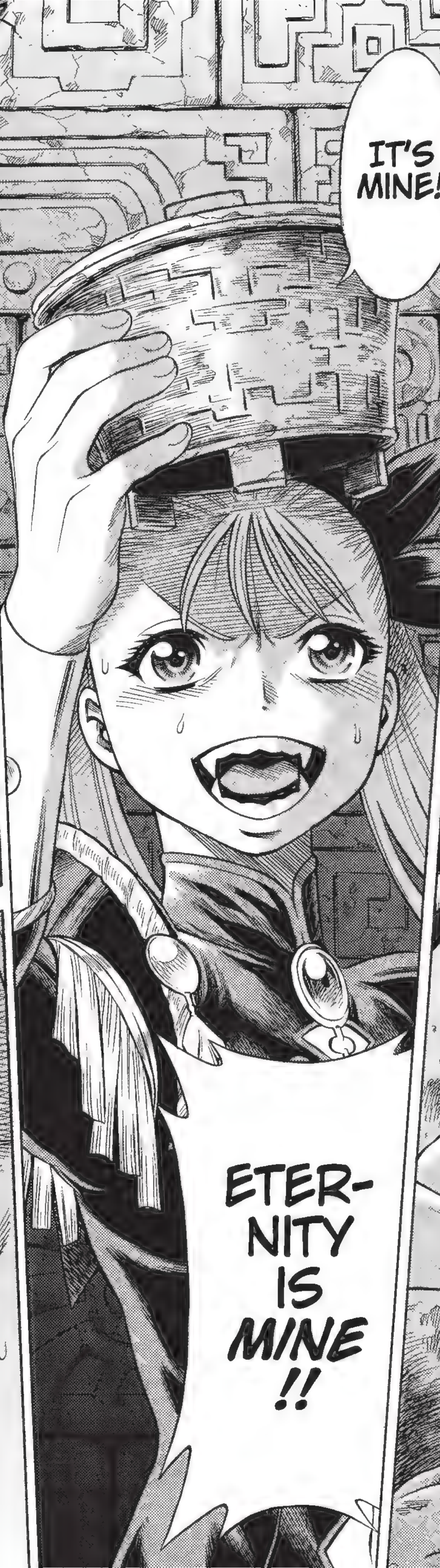
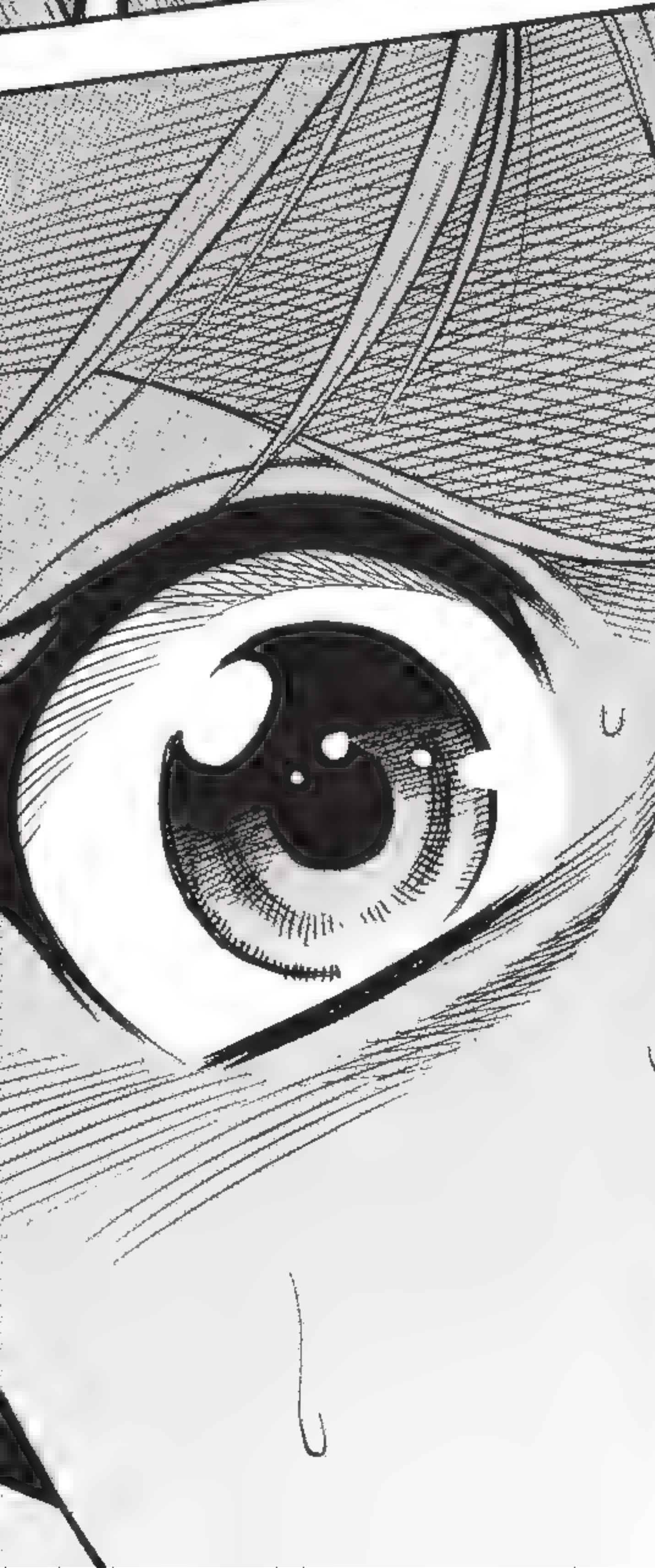
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY,
WAIT!

SOME
OF MY
COMPAN-
IONS MAY
STILL BE
IN THERE,
CONTINU-
ING THE
EXCAVA-
TION.

PLEASE
ALLOW
ME TO
ACCOMPANY
YOU.

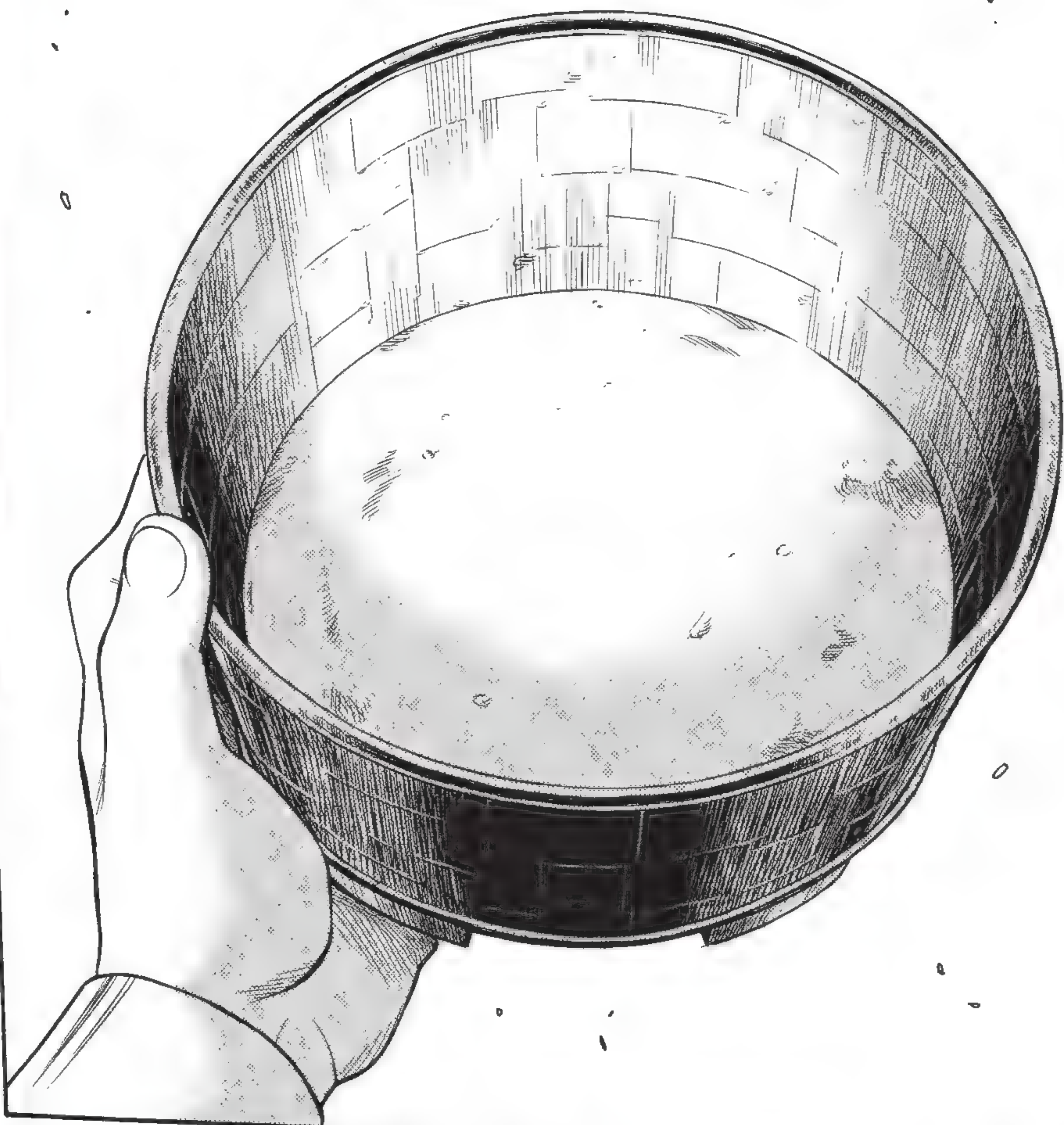








WH-
WHAT
IS
THIS
...?



DAMN
IT!!



ERM
...

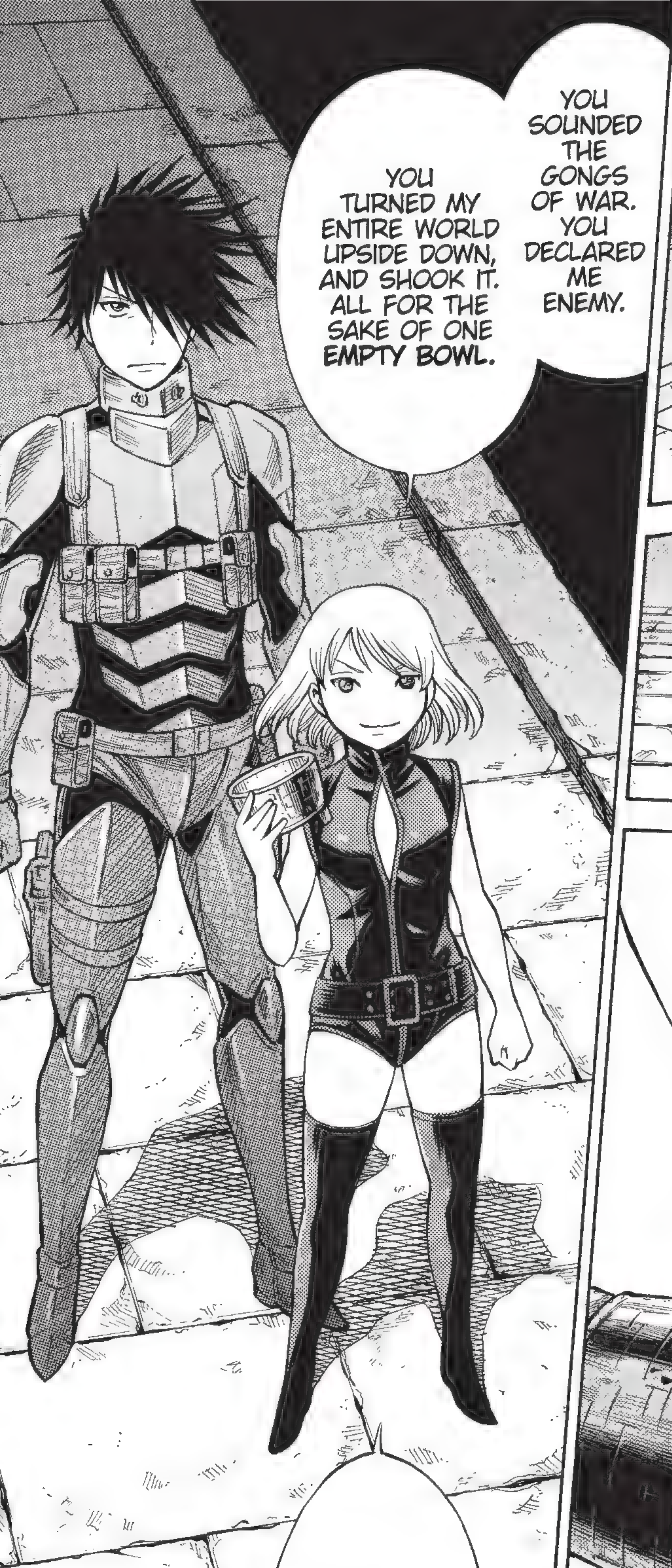
P-
PERHAPS
SOME-
ONE
ELSE
ARRIVED
FIRST
AND--

IMPOSSI-
BLE!!
BESIDES
ME, ONLY
SHE IS
CAPABLE OF
OPENING
THAT
DOOR!



WHY
?!
TELL
ME
!!

WHAT IS
THE
MEANING
OF
THIS?!

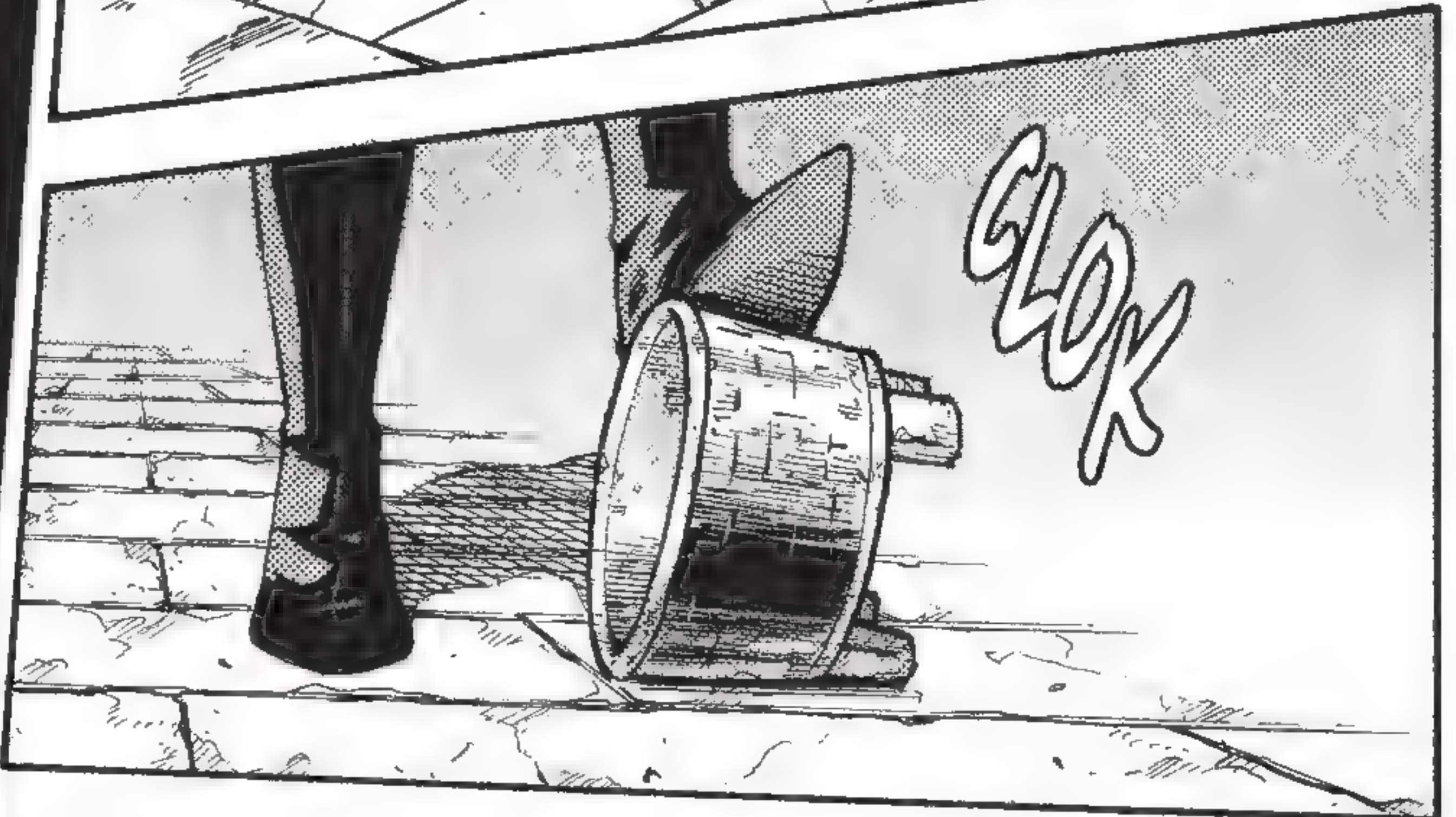


YOU
TURNED MY
ENTIRE WORLD
UPSIDE DOWN,
AND SHOOK IT.
ALL FOR THE
SAKE OF ONE
EMPTY BOWL.

YOU
SOUNDED
THE
GONGS
OF WAR.
YOU
DECLARED
ME
ENEMY.

HOW
LITTERLY
LAUGH-
ABLE.

BUT IT SEEMS
OBVIOUS THAT
WHATEVER
YOU FOUND
WASN'T
TO YOUR
LIKING.



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT IT
IS YOU
HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR...





FOR ONE BOWL, YOU STOLE AWAY THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO WERE PRECIOUS TO ME.

YOU TOYED WITH THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS HUMANS AND VAMPIRES ...

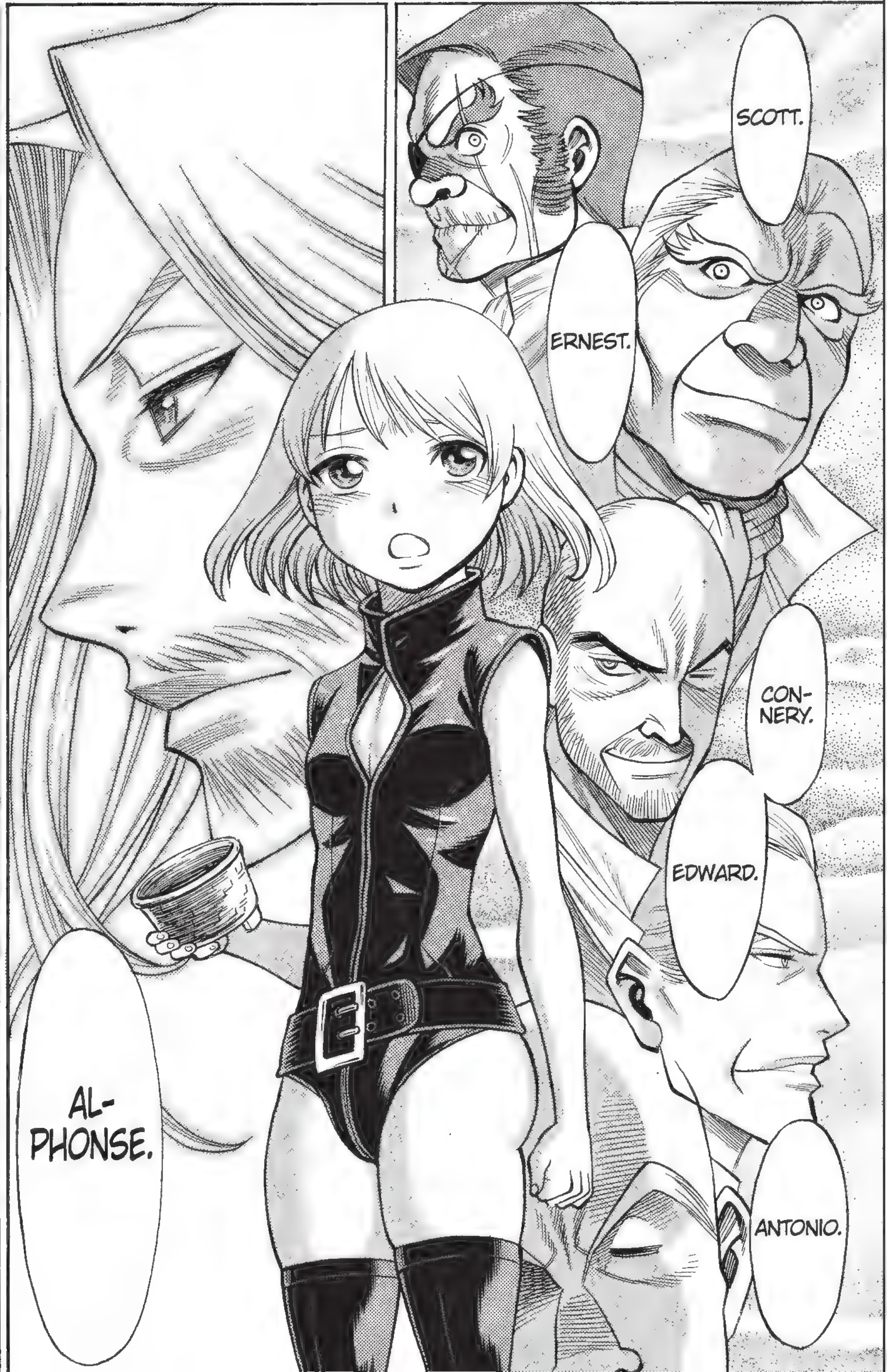
ALL FOR AN ANCIENT STONE RELIC?



MINA ...!



AND, WORST OF ALL...



AL-PHONSE.

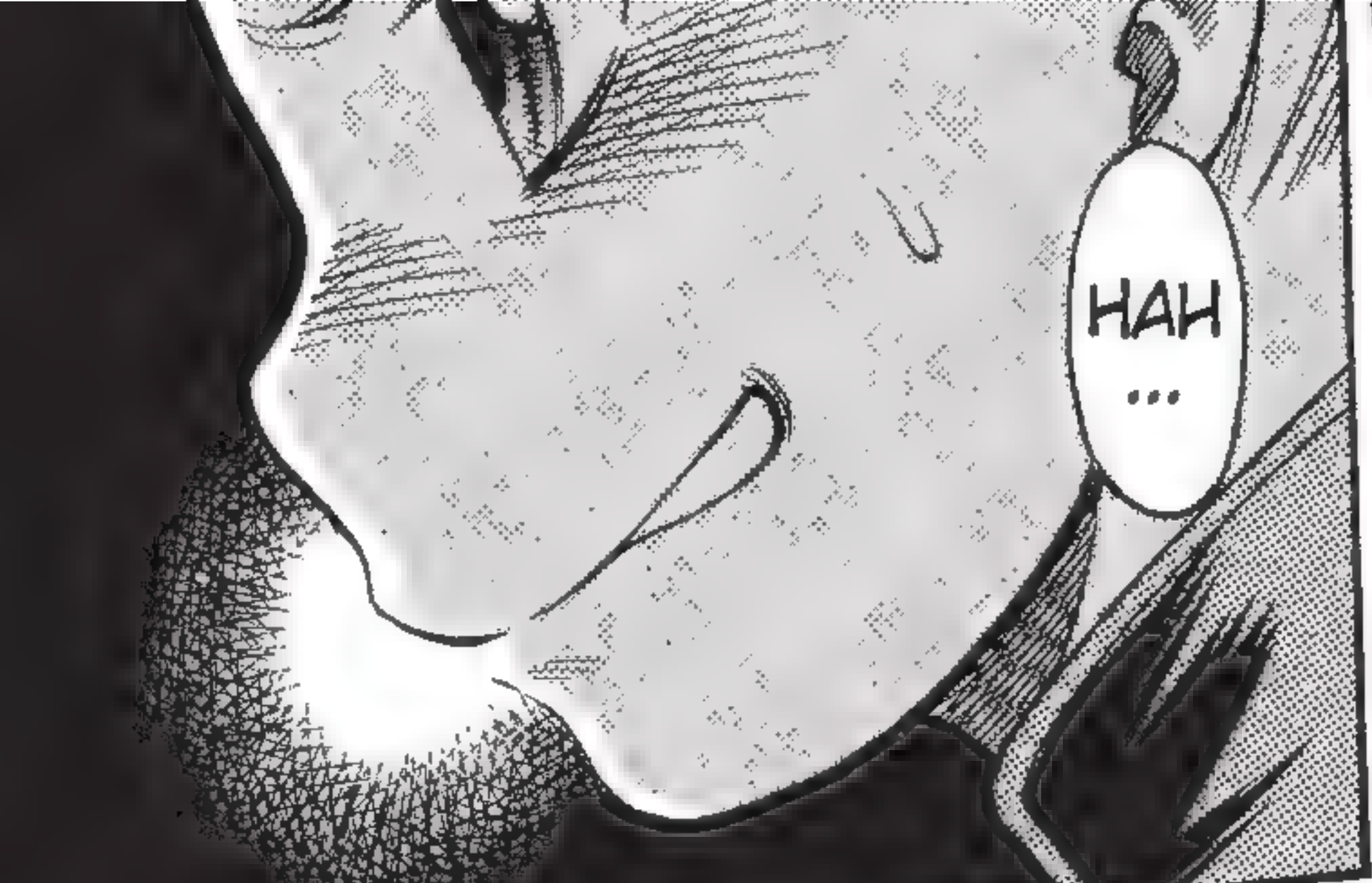
ERNEST.

SCOTT.

CON-NERY.

EDWARD.

ANTONIO.



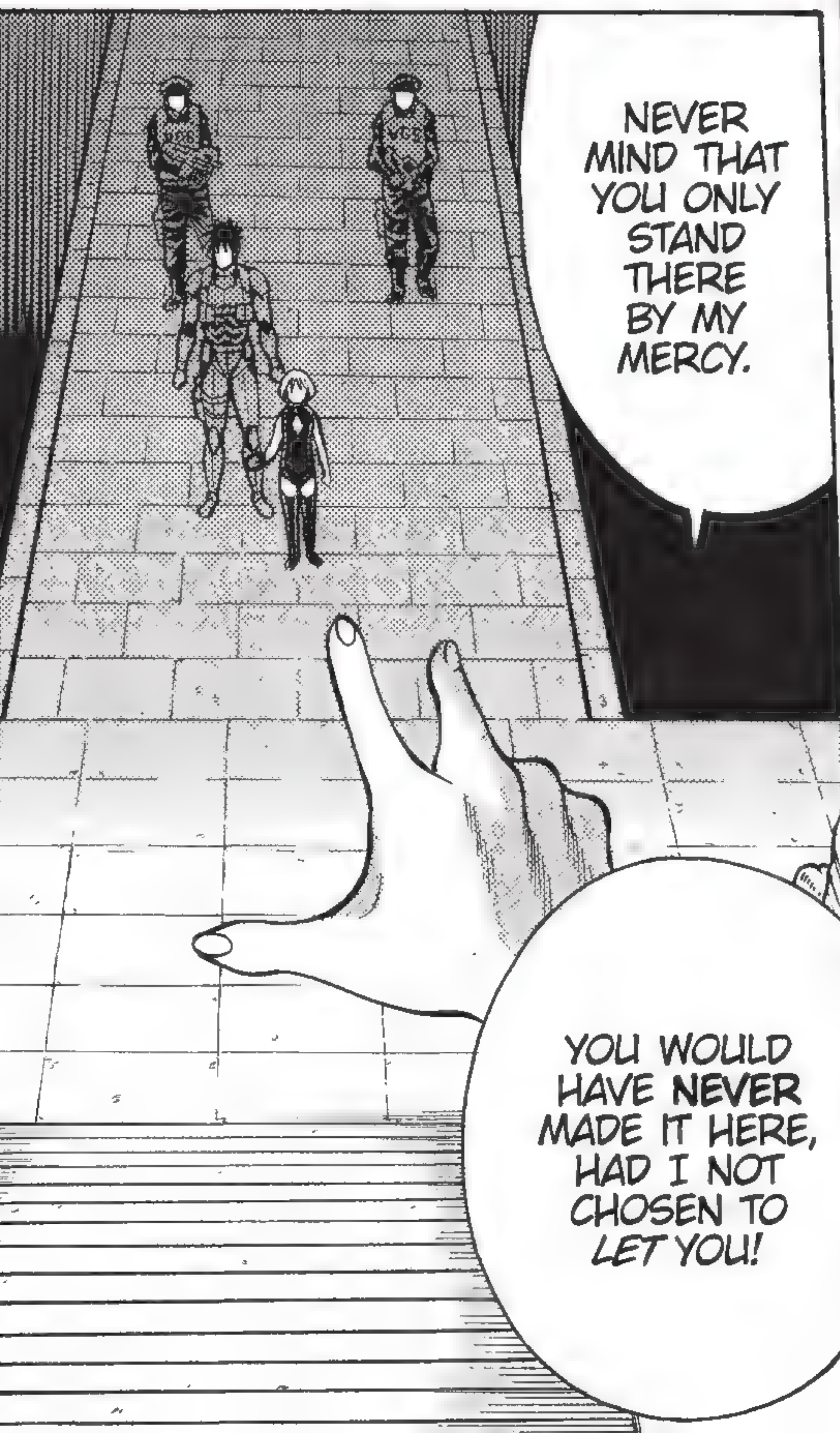
HAH ...



AHA
HA
HA
HA!

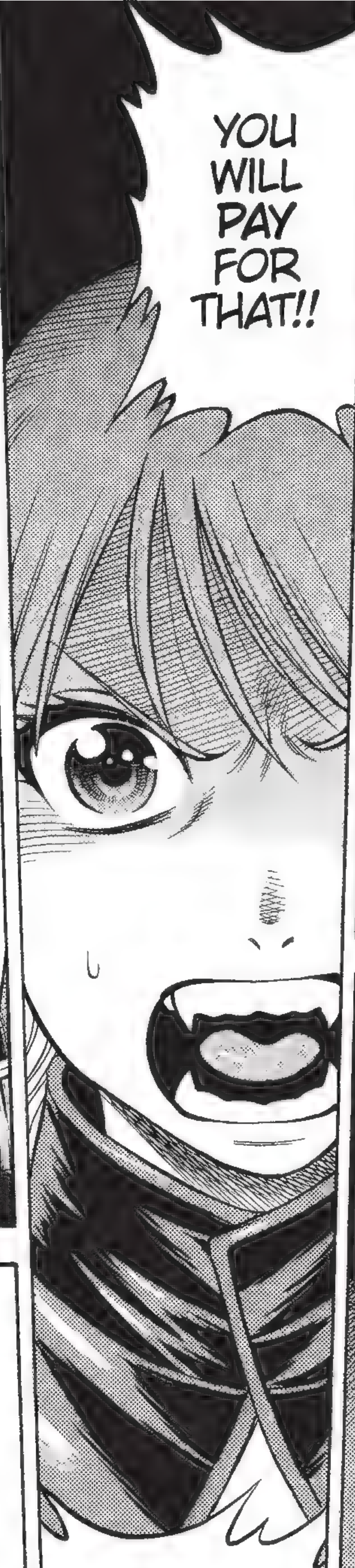
OH,
HOW
VERY
ROYAL
OF
YOU!

SUCH
VALOR,
SUCH
NOBLE
SENTI-
MENT!



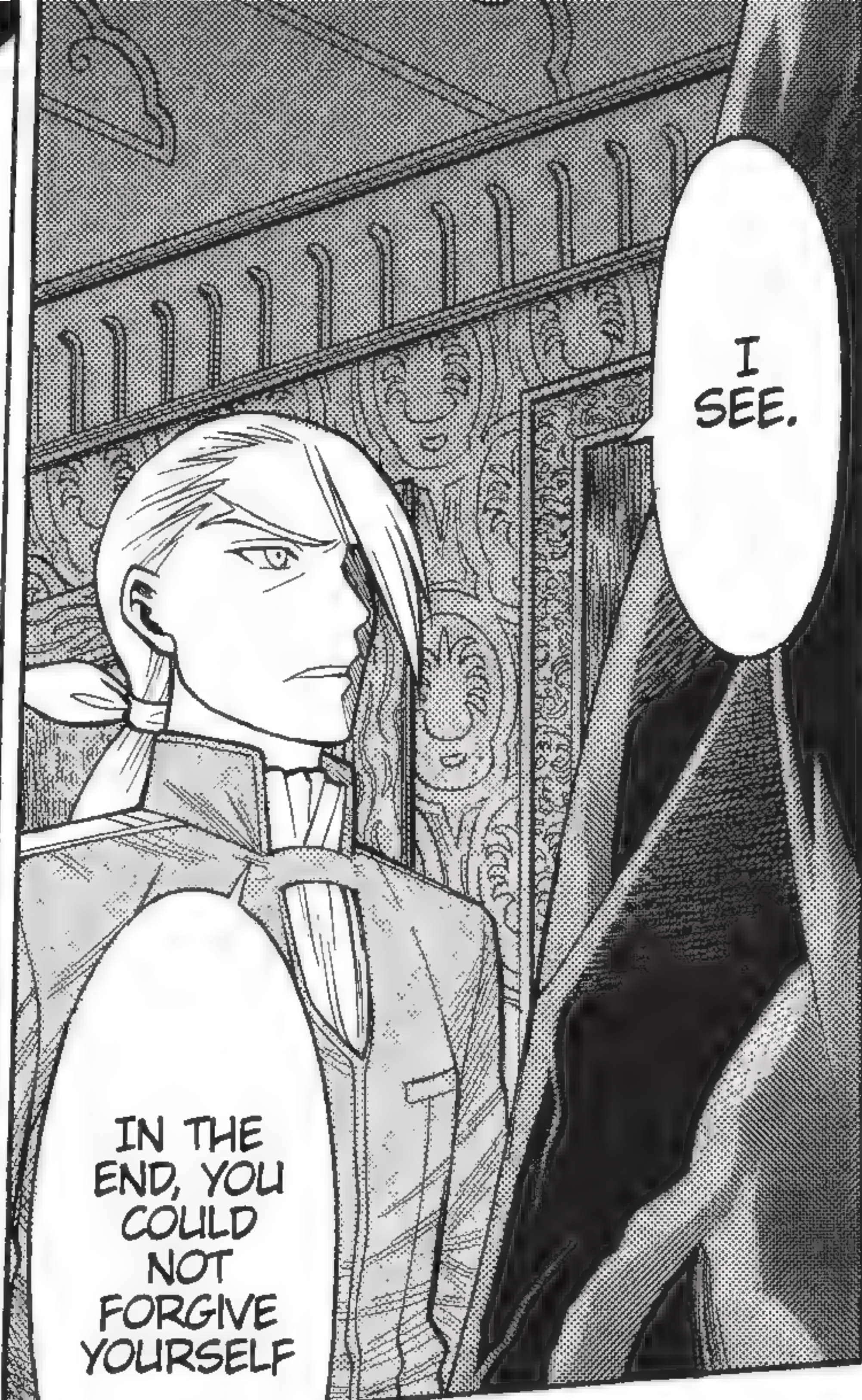
NEVER
MIND THAT
YOU ONLY
STAND
THERE
BY MY
MERCY.

YOU WOULD
HAVE NEVER
MADE IT HERE,
HAD I NOT
CHOSEN TO
LET YOU!



YOU
WILL
PAY
FOR
THAT!!

I SHALL
HAVE MY
VEN-
GEANCE
FOR
EACH
AND
EVERY
ONE OF
THEM!!



I
SEE.

IN THE
END, YOU
COULD
NOT
FORGIVE
YOURSELF
...



VERA-
DONO.



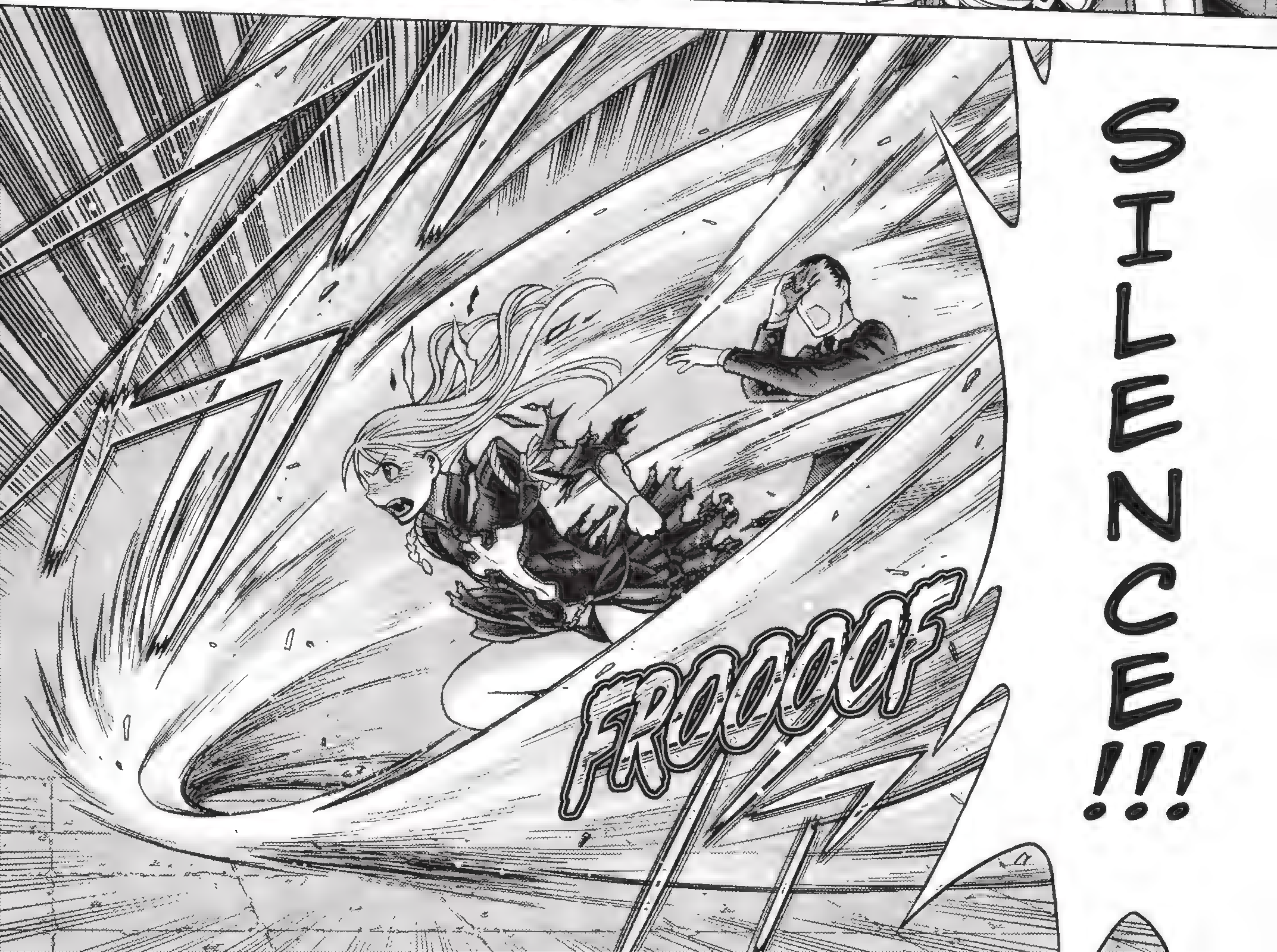
IF
YOU
CAN.

IT IS
NOT
TOO
LATE
TO TRY
NOW...



I
SHOULD
HAVE
KILLED
YOU
WHEN I
HAD THE
CHANCE!

M
I
N
A!

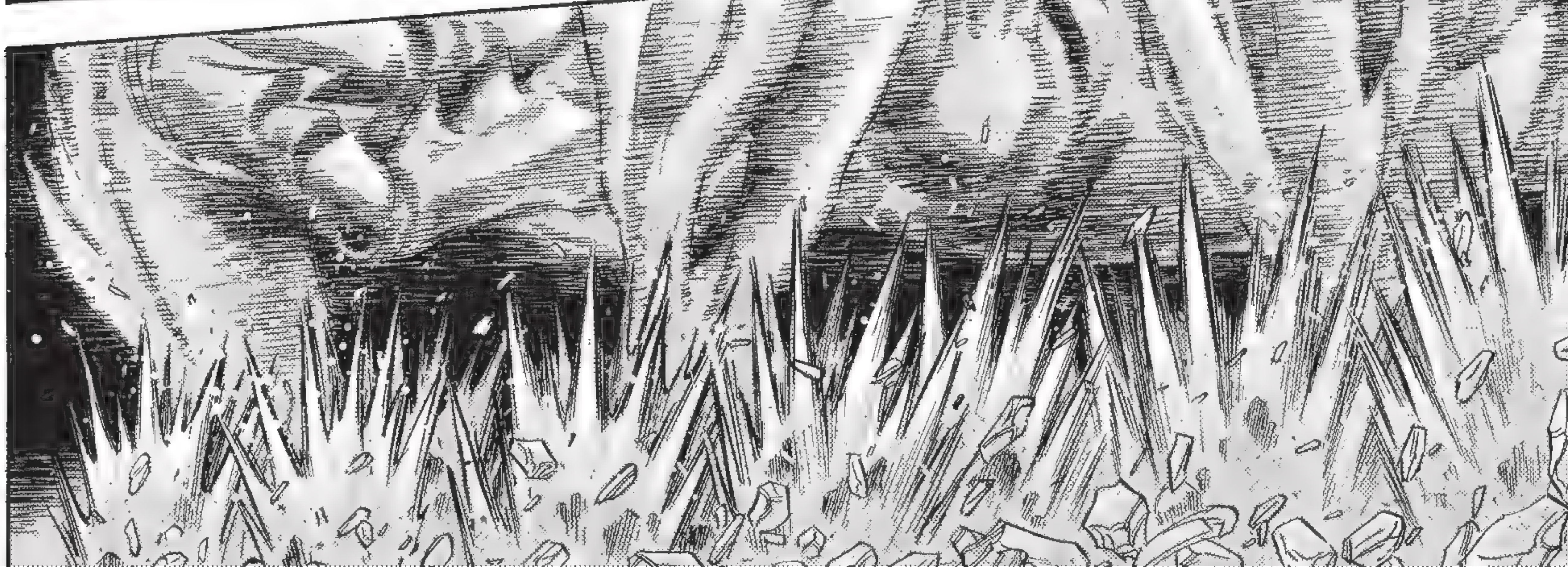


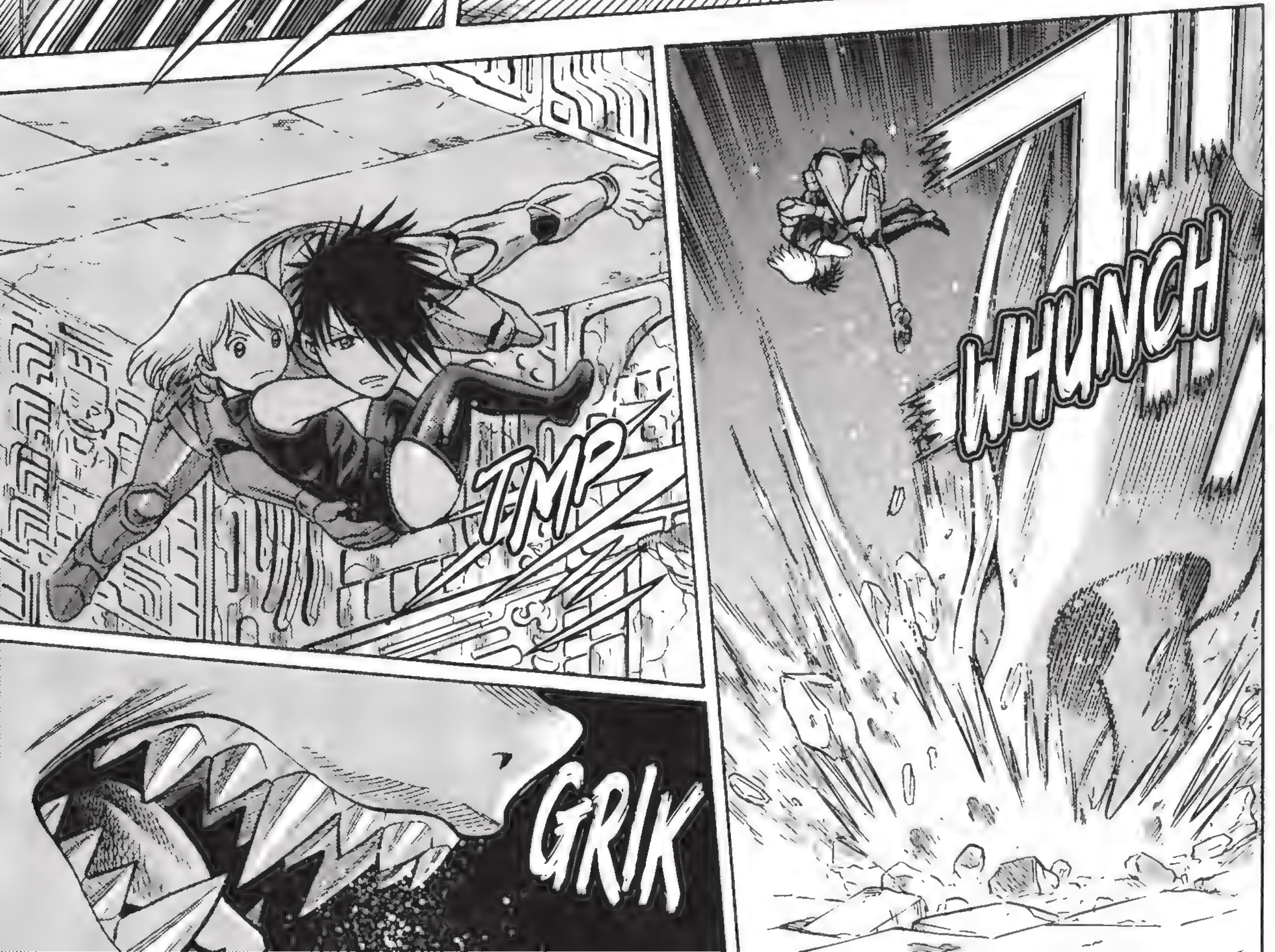
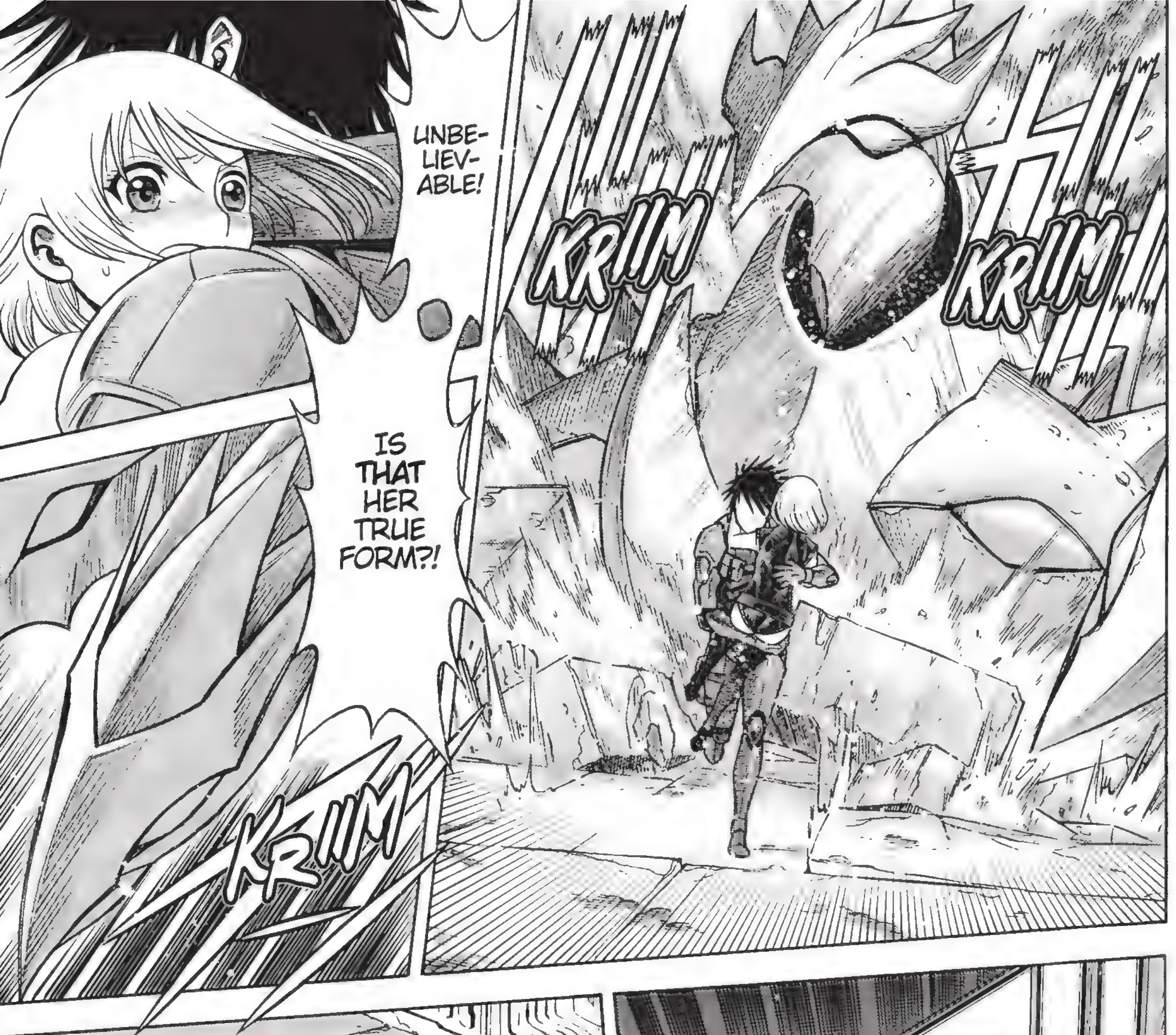
S
I
L
E
N
C
E
!!!

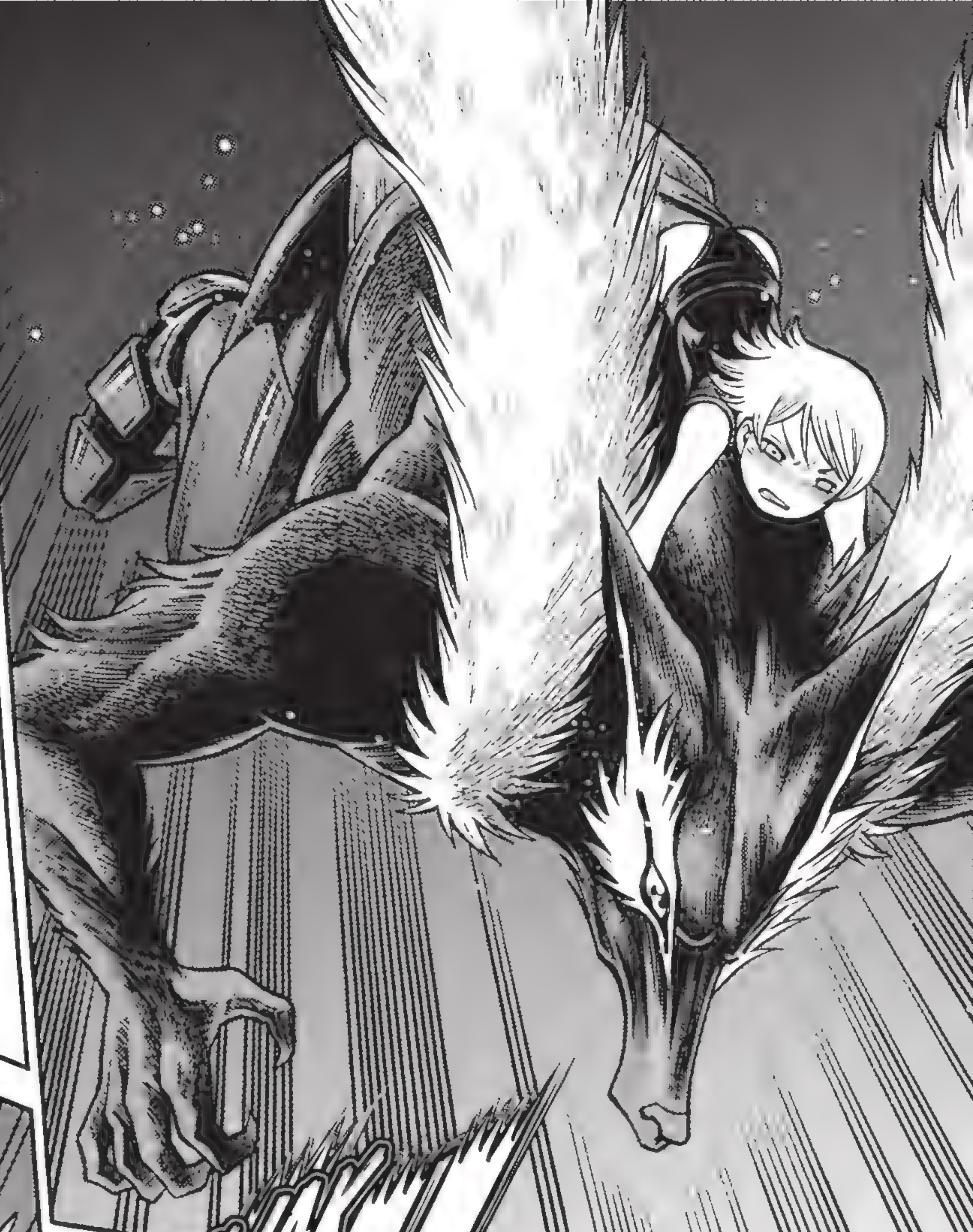
FROOOOF















THE TWO
OF YOU
SAW THIS
IN SOUTH
AMERICA,
DID YOU
NOT?

IT
SEEMS
SOME-
THING
SIMILAR
HAS
HAPPENED
HERE.

WITH THE
TRUE MINA'S
BLOOD,
YOU UNLOCKED
THE FINAL DOOR.
HOWEVER, AS
AKIRA'S BLOOD
WAS INTERMINGLED
WITH HERS, THE
BURIAL CHAMBER
COLLAPSED
UPON ITSELF.



THAT
ISN'T
IT!

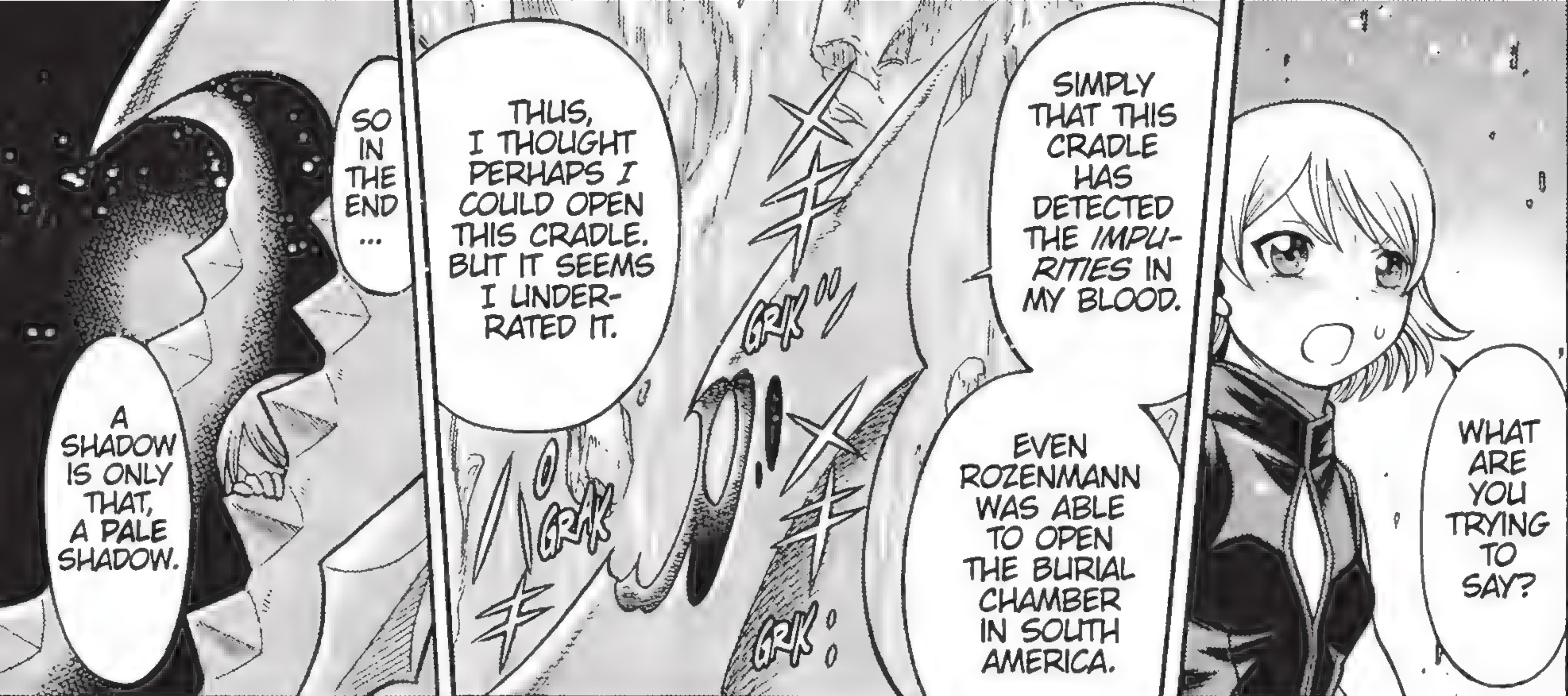
SHE
SURE
MADE
THAT
EASY!

SHE
BROUGHT
THE
WHOLE
PLACE
DOWN ON
HERSELF!



HA!
IT LOOKS
LIKE THIS
CRADLE IS
THE SAME
AS THE
OTHER,
IN MORE
THAN ONE
WAY.

IT, TOO,
HAS A
SELF-
DESTRUCT
MEASURE.



A
SHADOW
IS ONLY
THAT,
A PALE
SHADOW.

SO
IN
THE
END
...

THUS,
I THOUGHT
PERHAPS I
COULD OPEN
THIS CRADLE.
BUT IT SEEMS
I UNDER-
RATED IT.

SIMPLY
THAT THIS
CRADLE
HAS
DETECTED
THE IMPLU-
RITIES IN
MY BLOOD.

EVEN
ROZENMANN
WAS ABLE
TO OPEN
THE BURIAL
CHAMBER
IN SOUTH
AMERICA.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
TRYING
TO
SAY?



WHA
...?

MINA,
THE ONE
WHO BEARS
THE PURE
BLOOD OF
TEPES.

THIS
HOLY
LAND
WILL
ACCEPT
ONLY
ONE...

YOU.

WAIT
A
MINUTE
...

WHO...
WHAT
ARE
YOU?!



DARE
ASK
ME
THAT
?!



YOU
OF ALL
PEOPLE
...



THAT'S
IT,
HIME-
SAN!

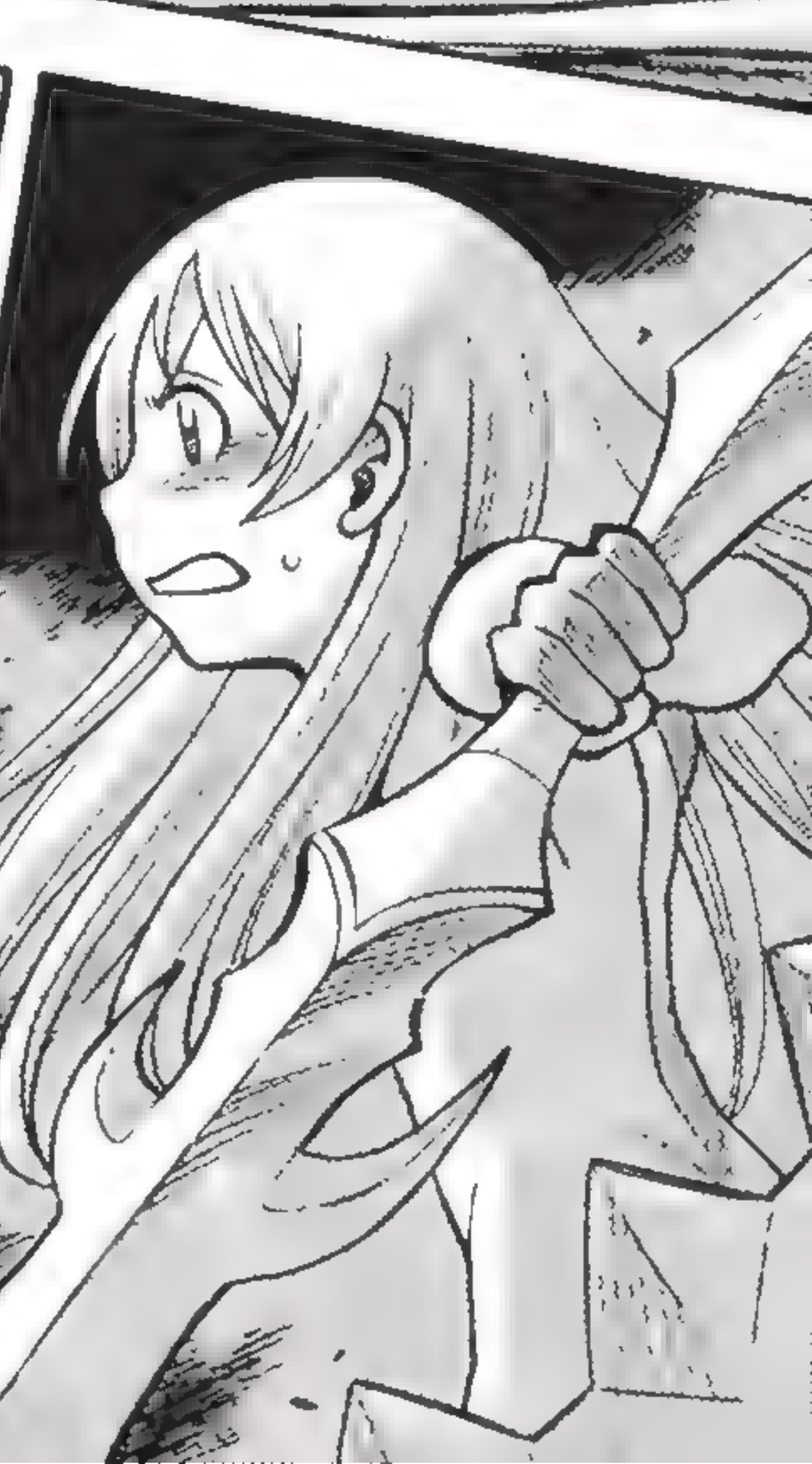
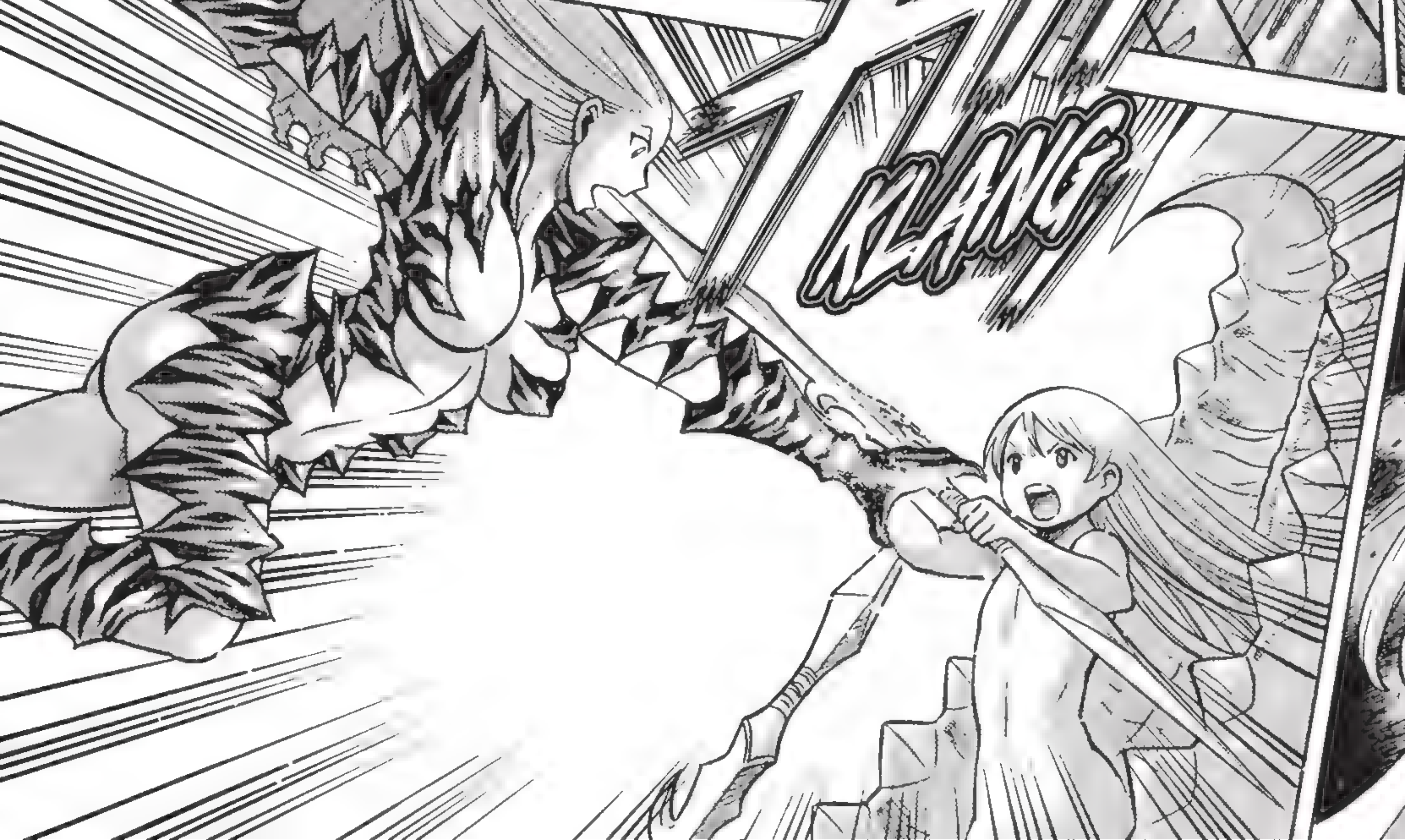
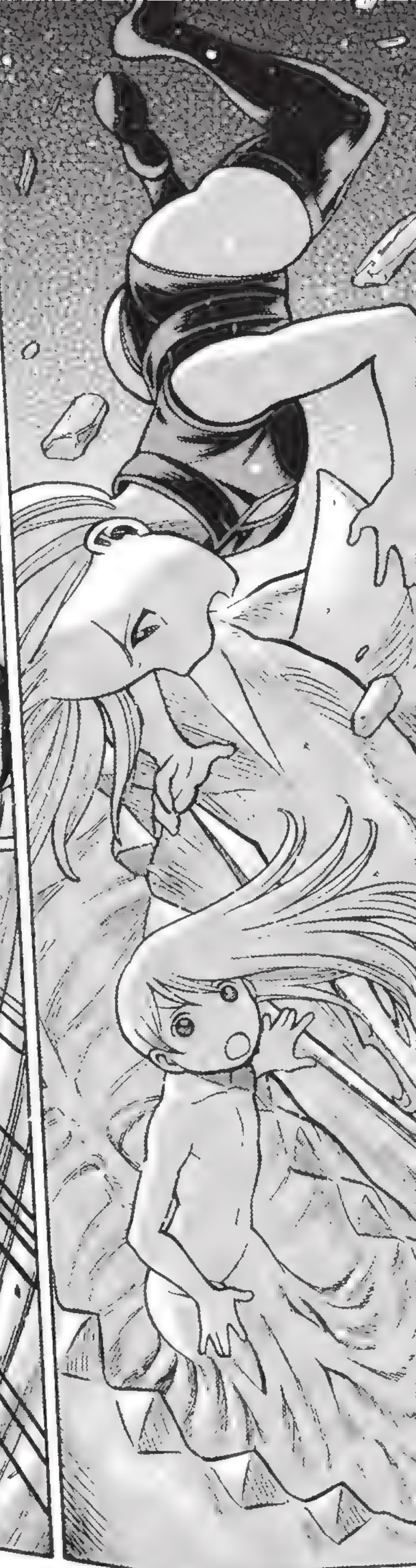
DO
IT
NOW
!!

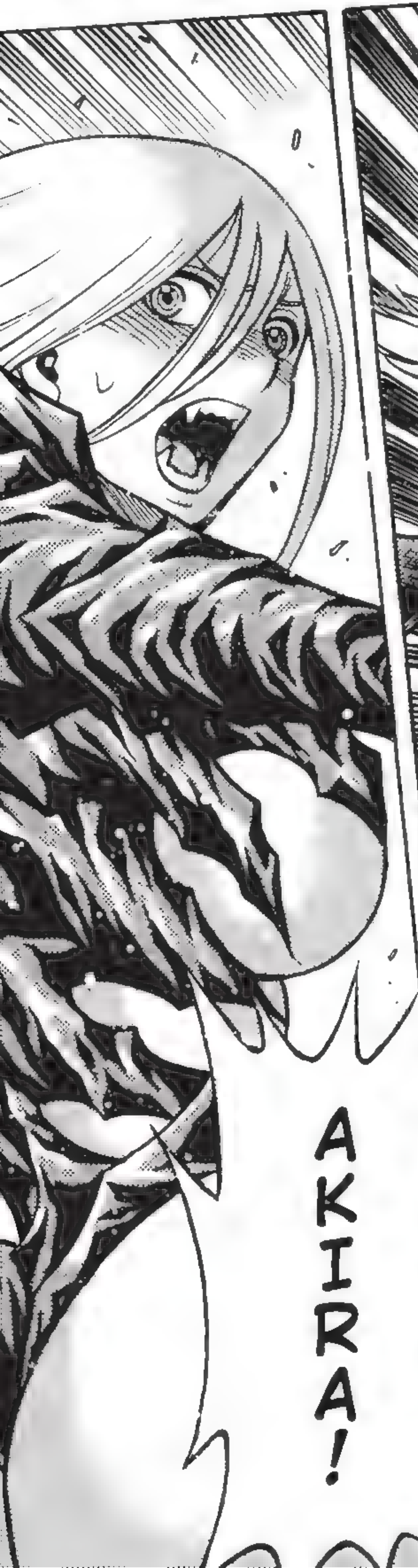


YOU
...

ARE
NOT
MY
HIME-
SAN!

I TOLD
YOU,
REMEM-
BER?





AKIRA!

NGAH!

WHUK

WHUK



WATCH
AS I
DESTROY
YOUR
BELOVED
MINA!!



WHAT
...?

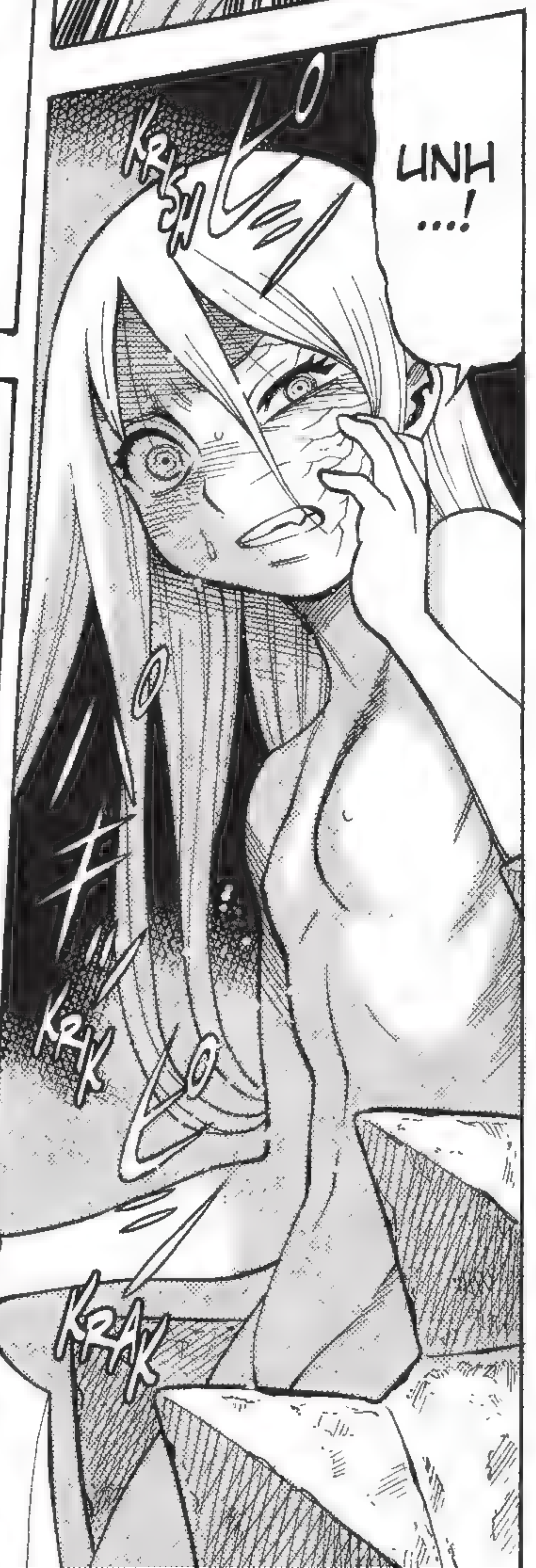
N
G
A
H
!!

KRAK



DO
NOT
LOOK
AT
MEEE
!!

DON'T
LOOK!



LNH
...!

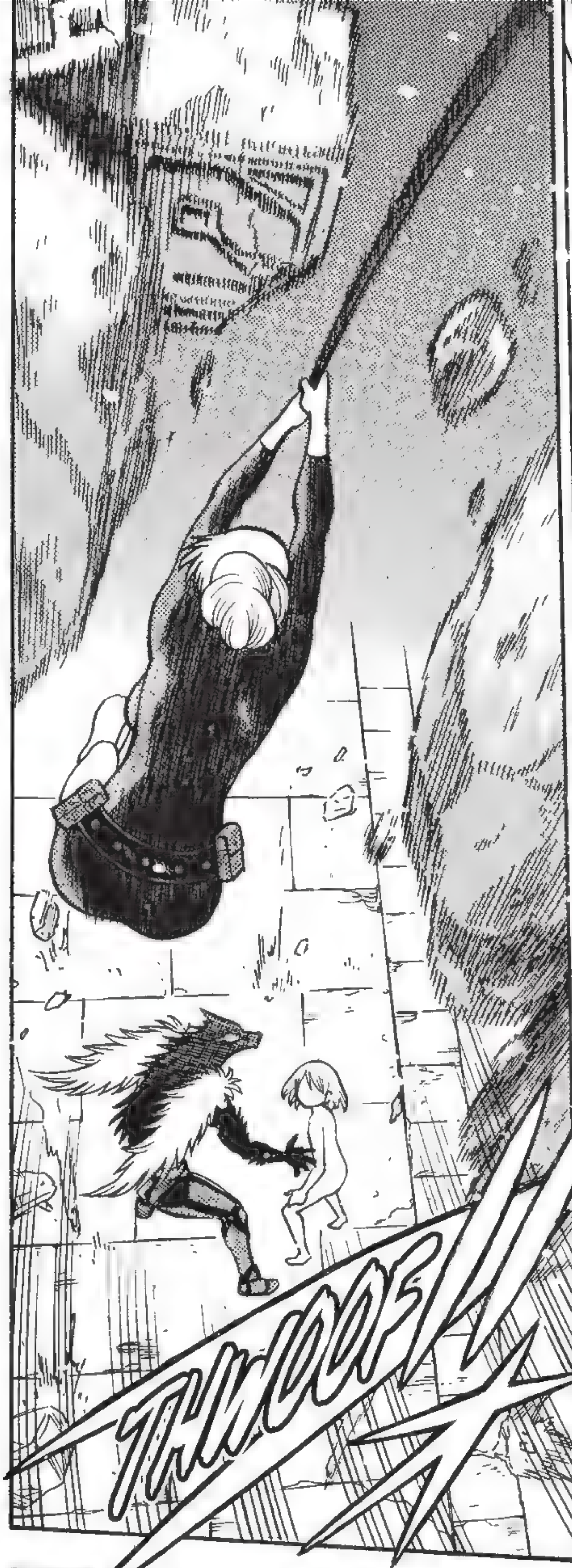
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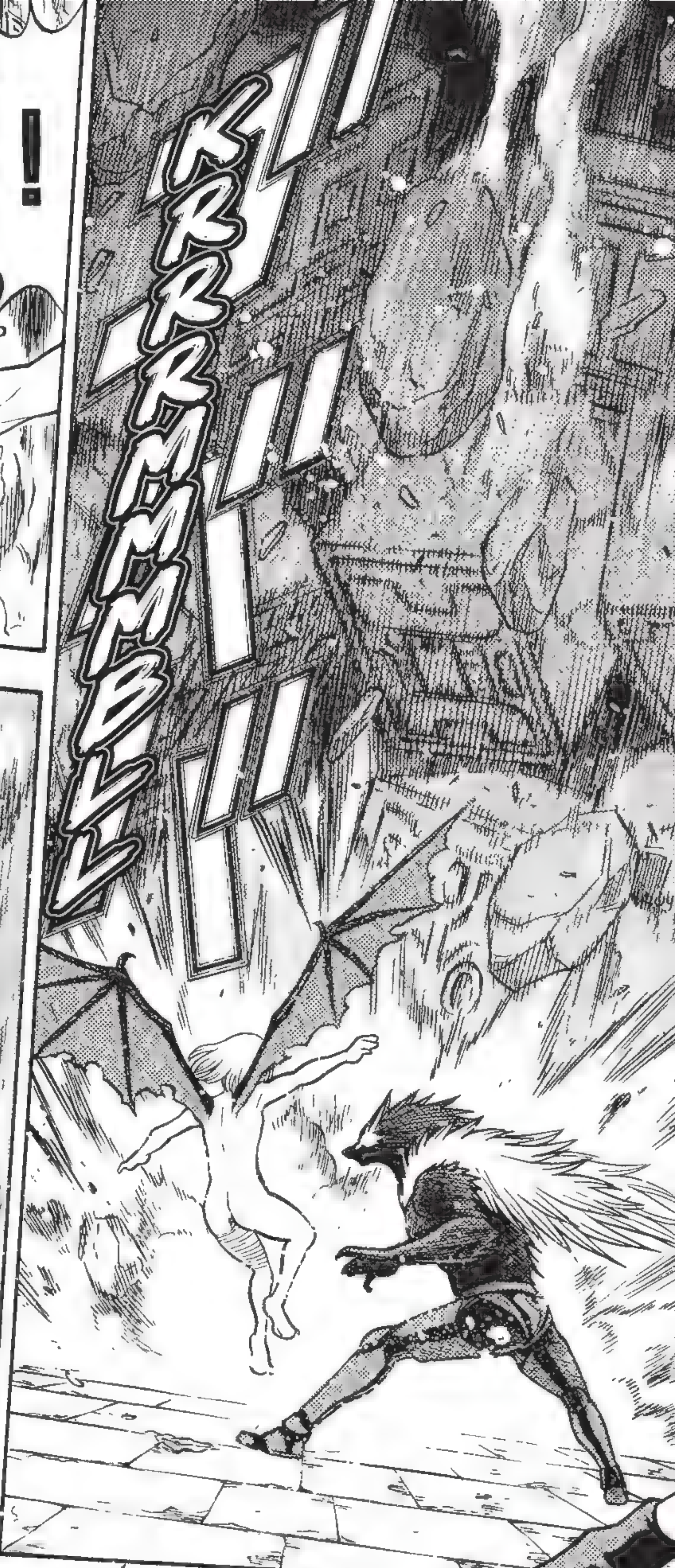
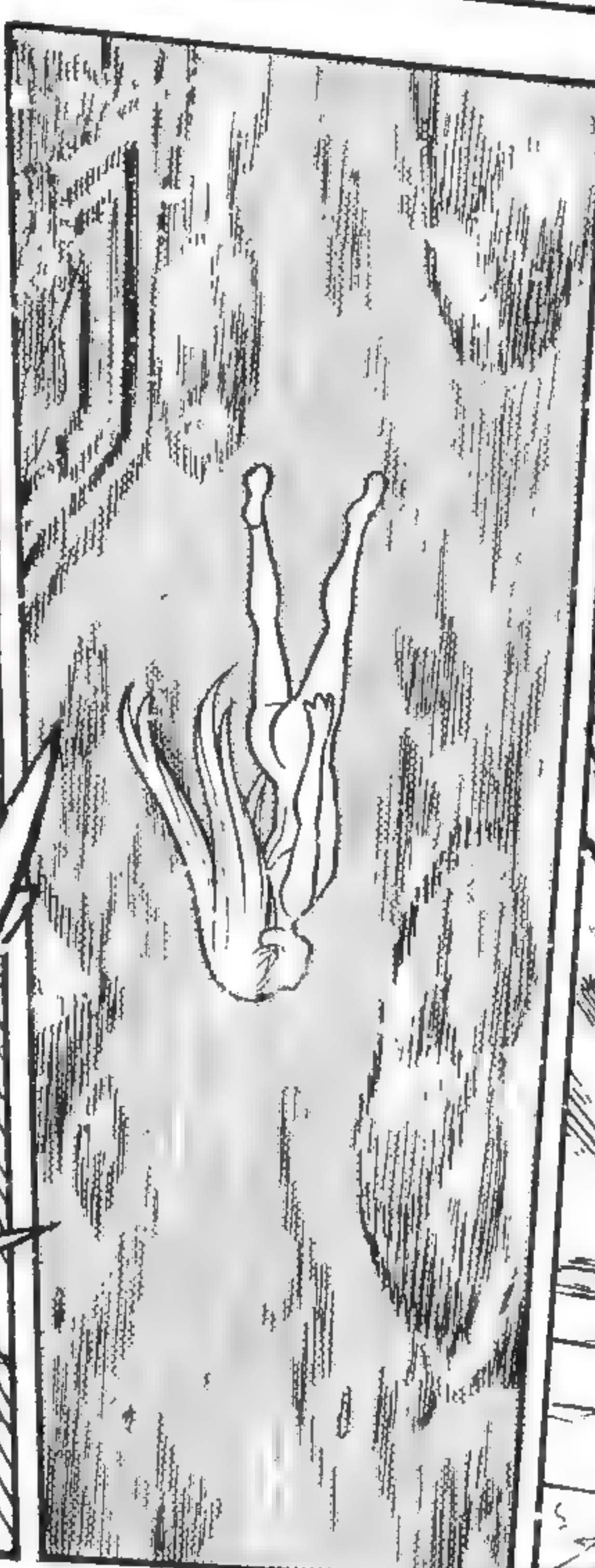
KRAK



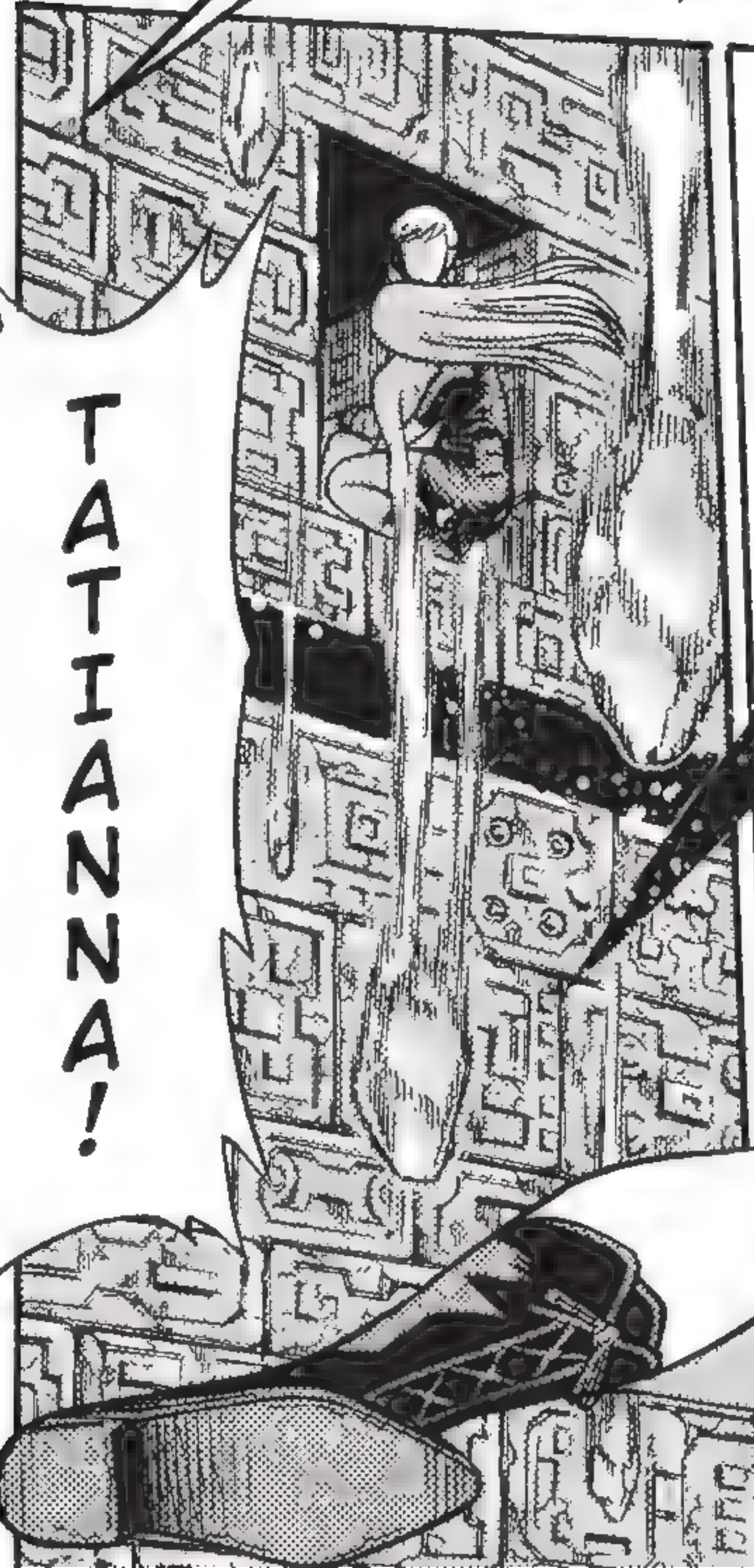




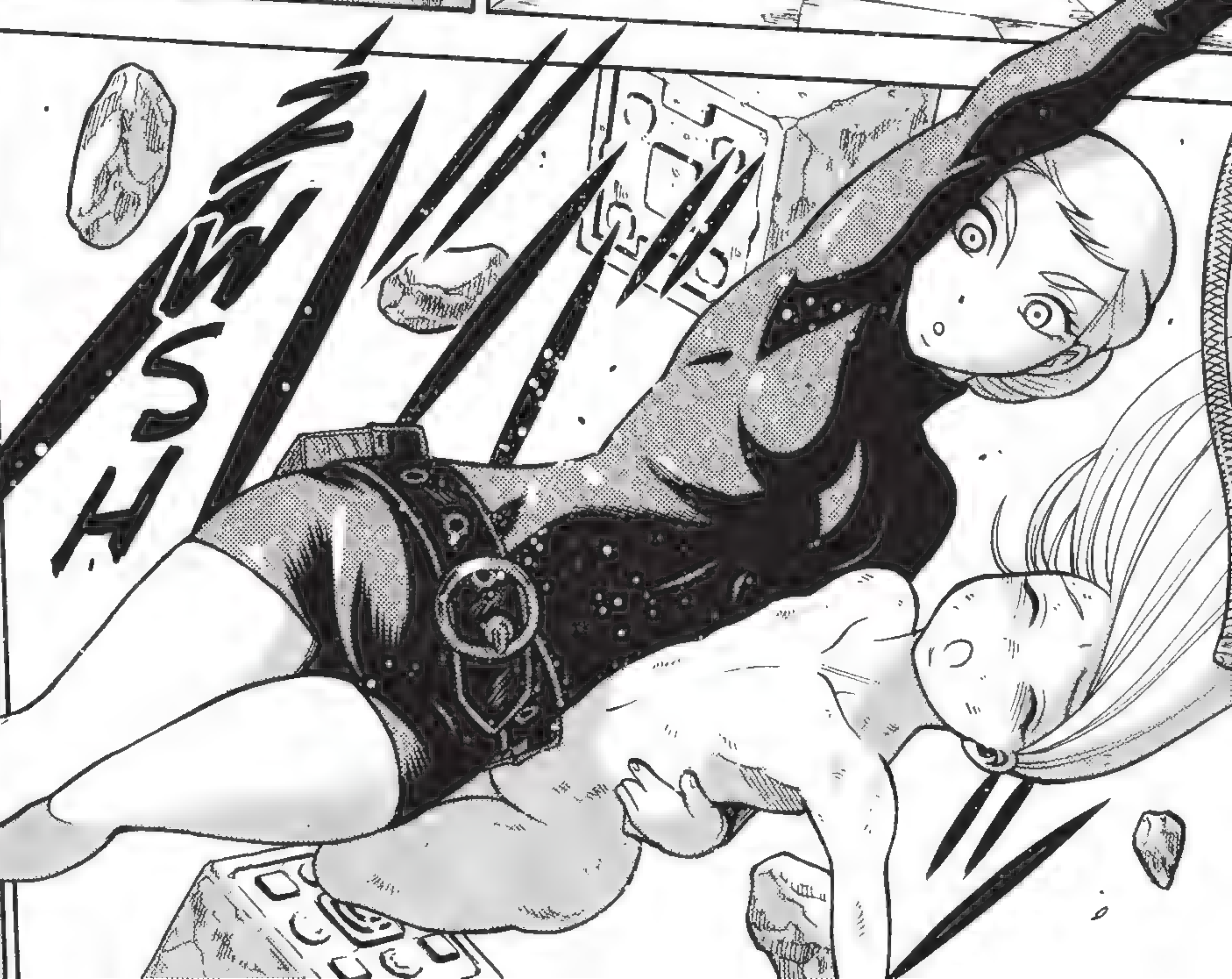
AKIRA!
LOOK!



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V



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!



S
H
W



THIS
PLACE
HAS
HAD IT!
WE GOTTA
GET OUT,
FAST!!

CURSE
IT
ALL!



WAIT!

COME
BACK
HERE!



SORRY!

IT'D BE
A LITTLE
INCONVE-
NIENT
TO HAVE
HER DIE
ON ME
JUST YET!

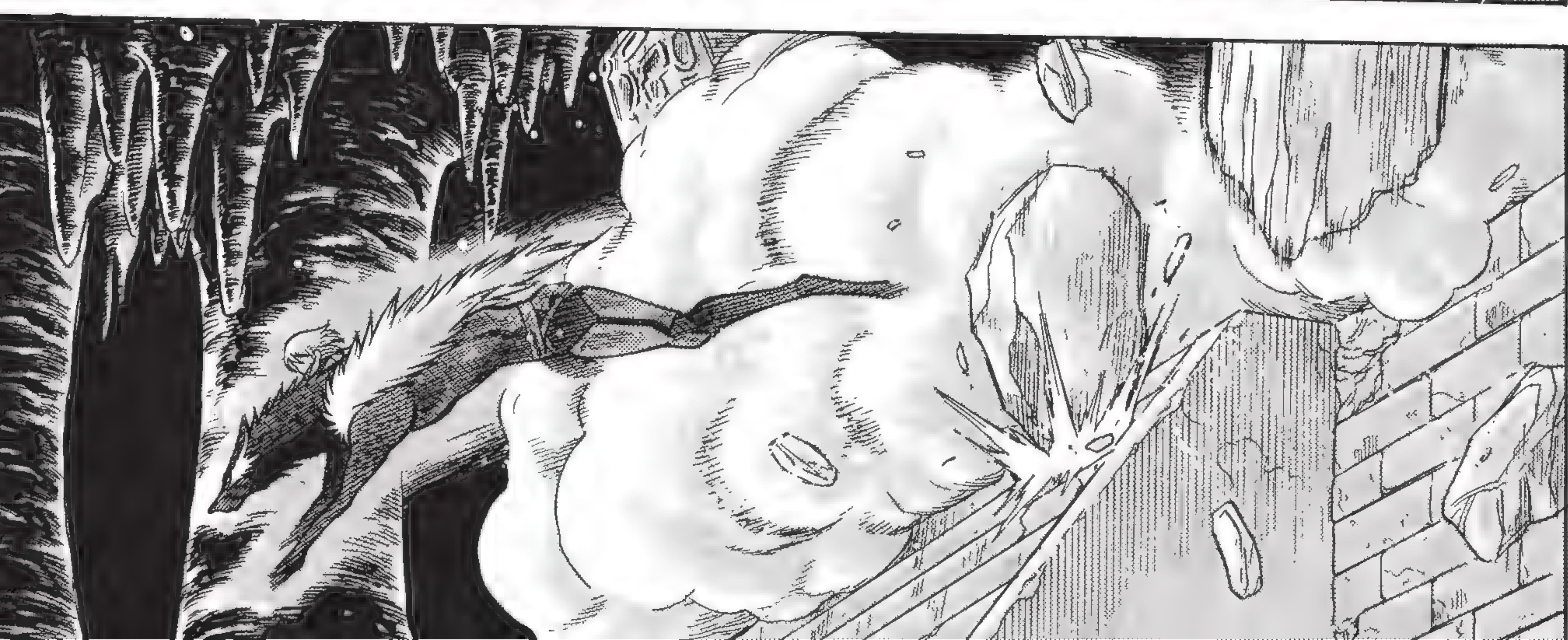
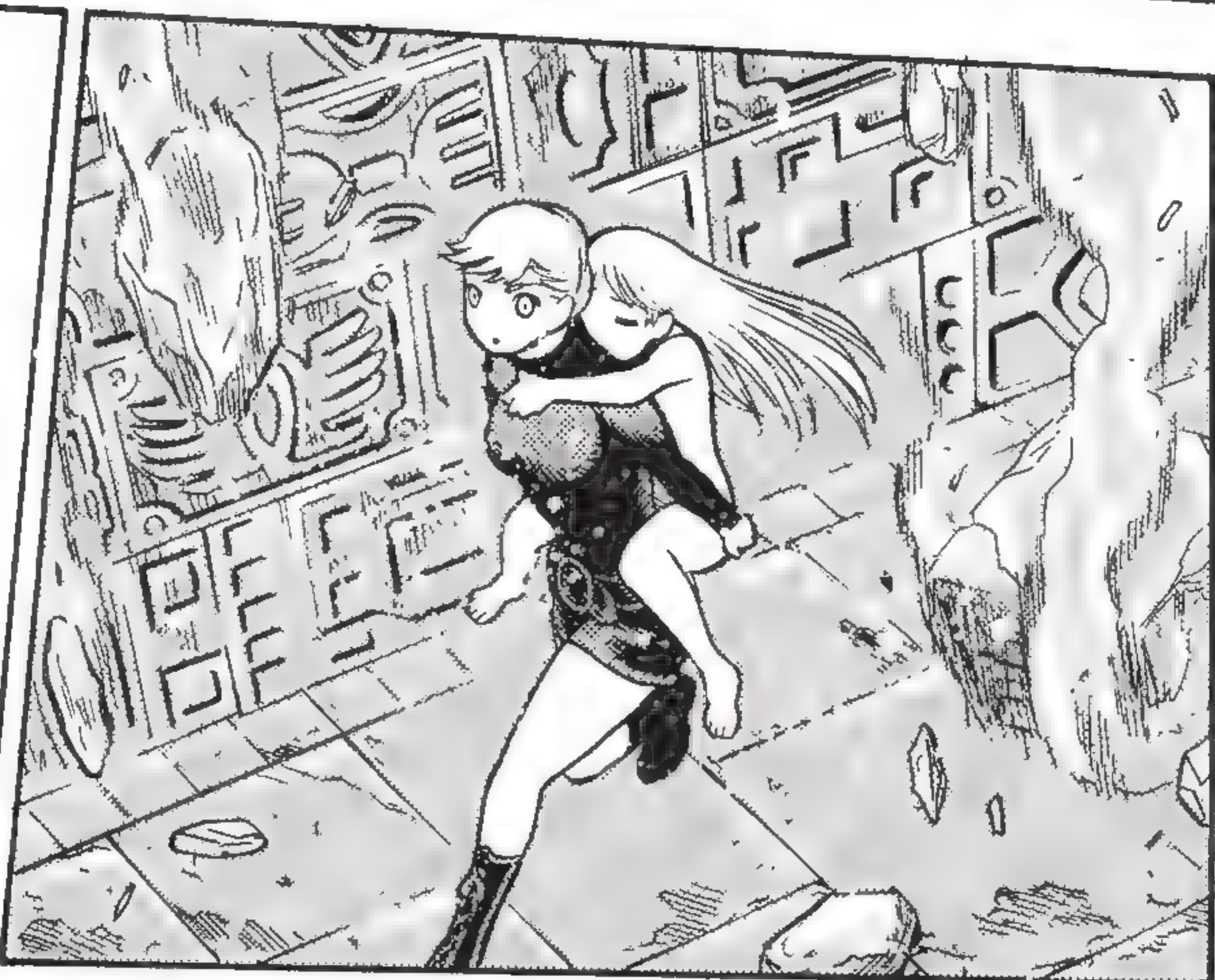


HEY
NOW!

IS THAT
THE WAY
TO TALK
TO THE
PERSON
WHO JUST
SAVED
YOUR
LIFE?

YOU
YET
LIVE...

TRULY,
YOUR ABILITY
TO CHEAT
DEATH IS
STAGGERING.
WHAT UNHOLY
BARGAIN DID
YOU MAKE
THIS TIME?





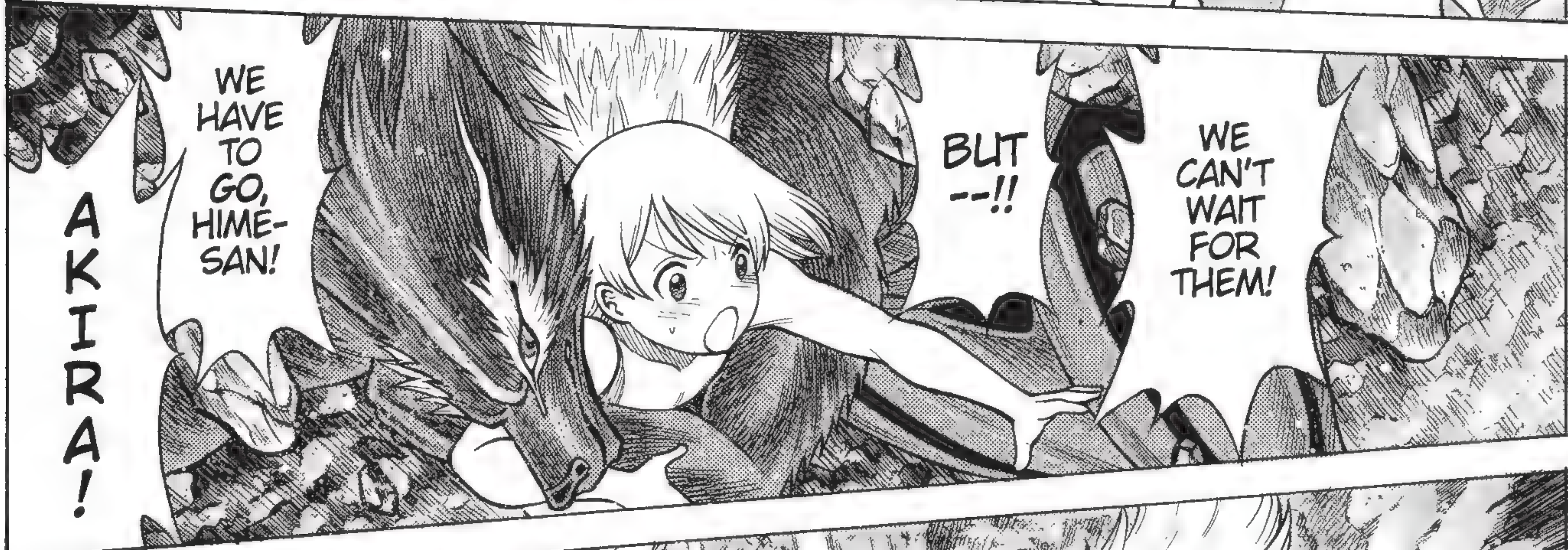
THIS WHOLE CAVERN IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE!

PULL OUT!



HAVE THE FANG-LESS RETURN-ED?!

WHAT ABOUT JIJI'S FATHER?

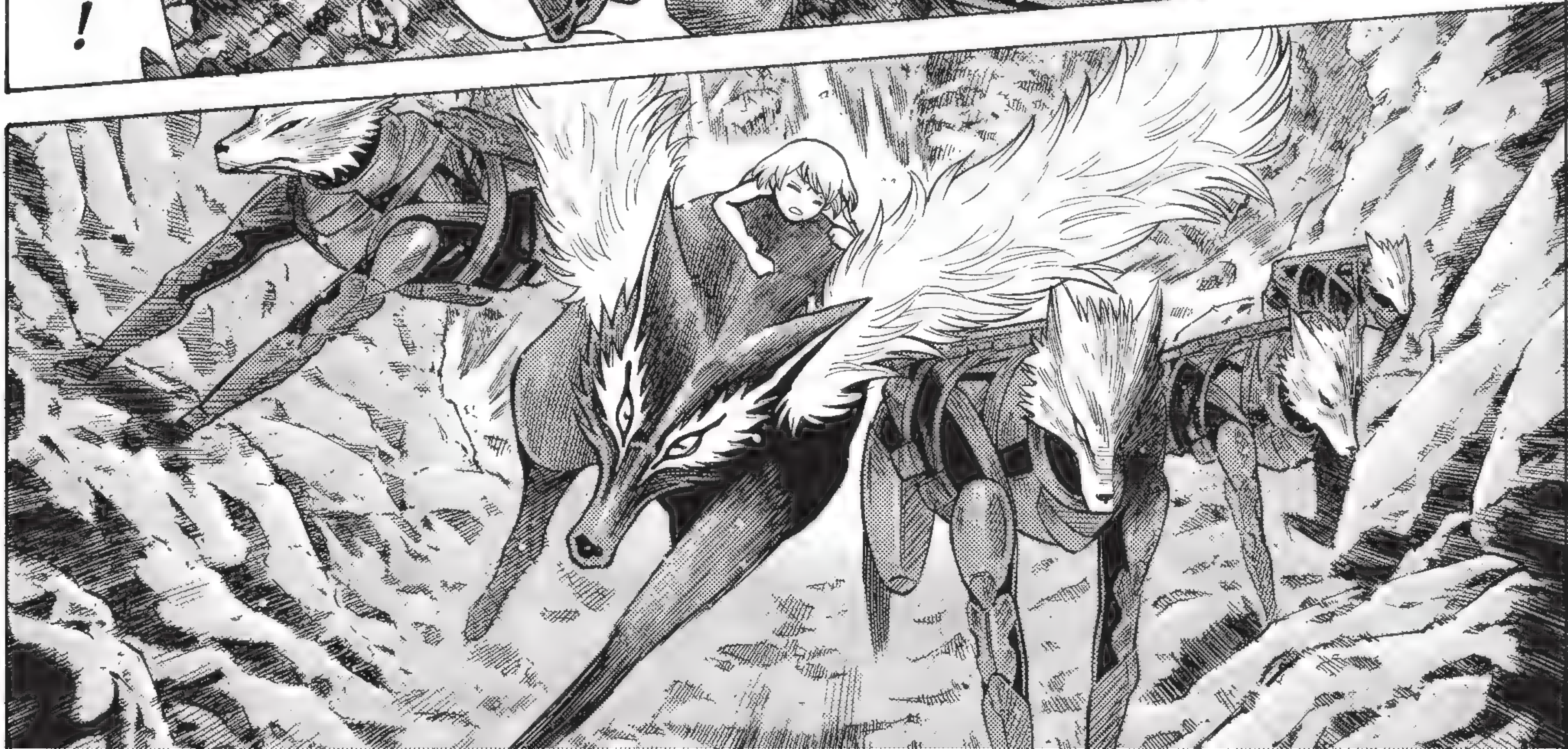


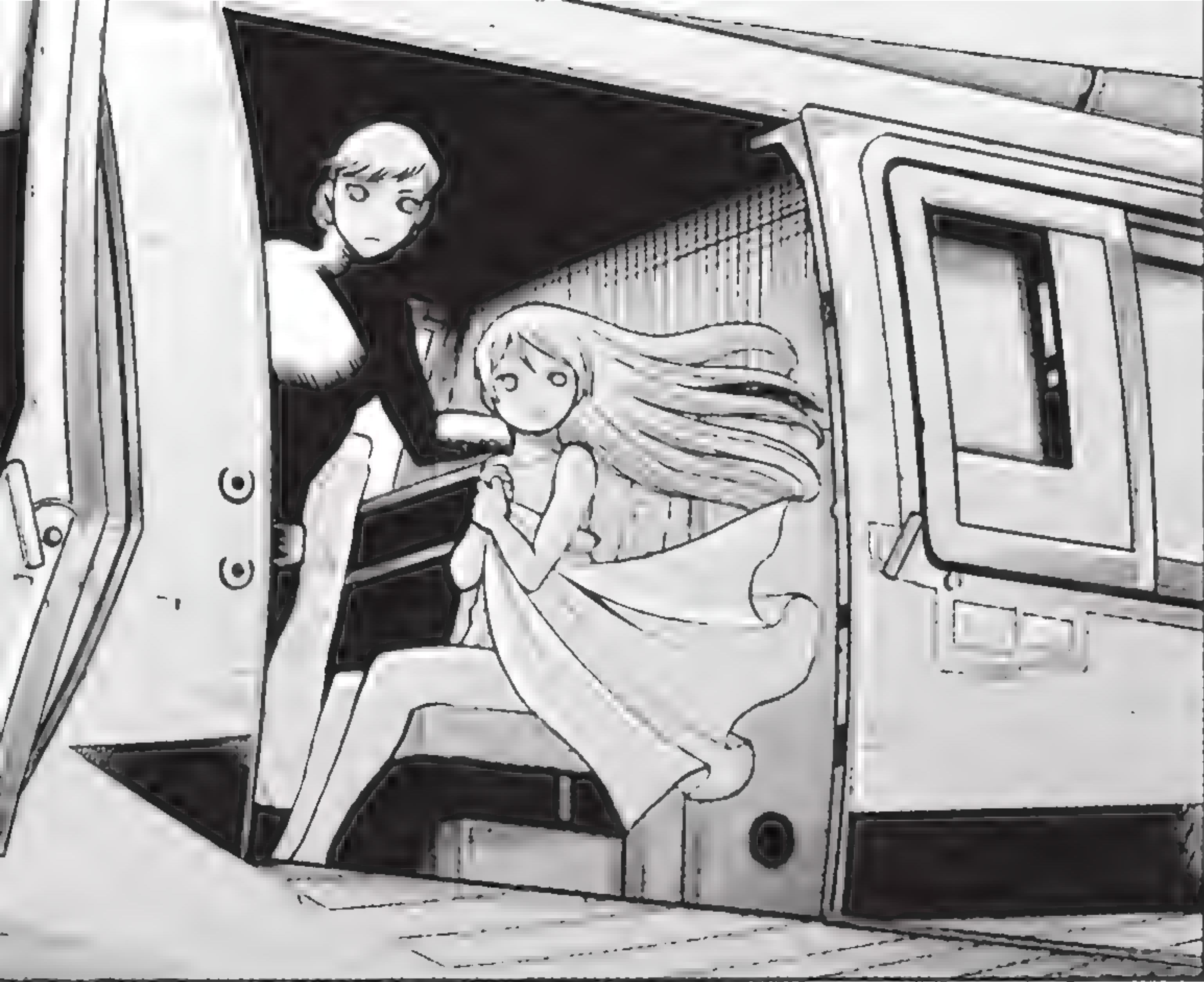
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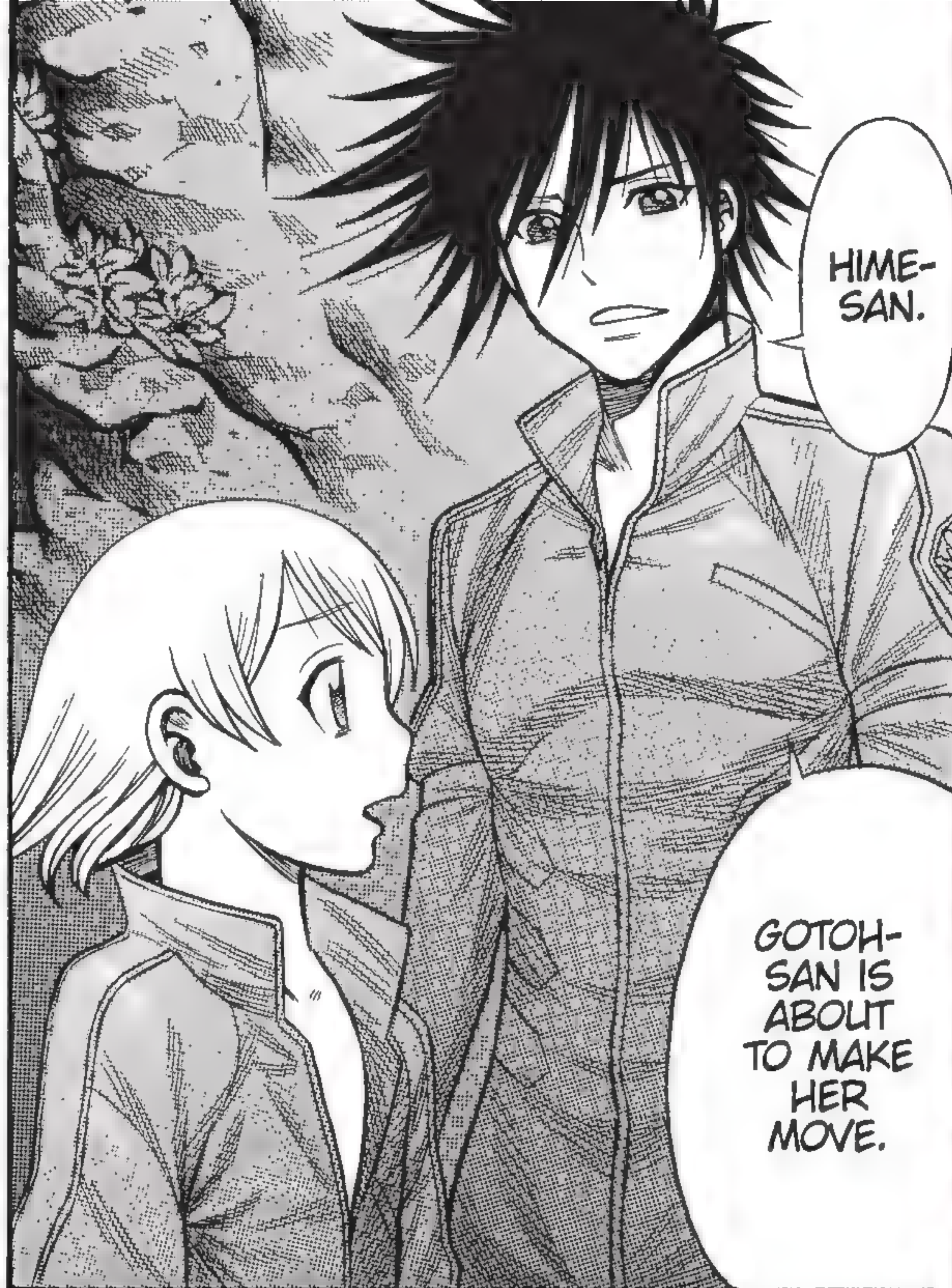
WE HAVE TO GO, HIME-SAN!

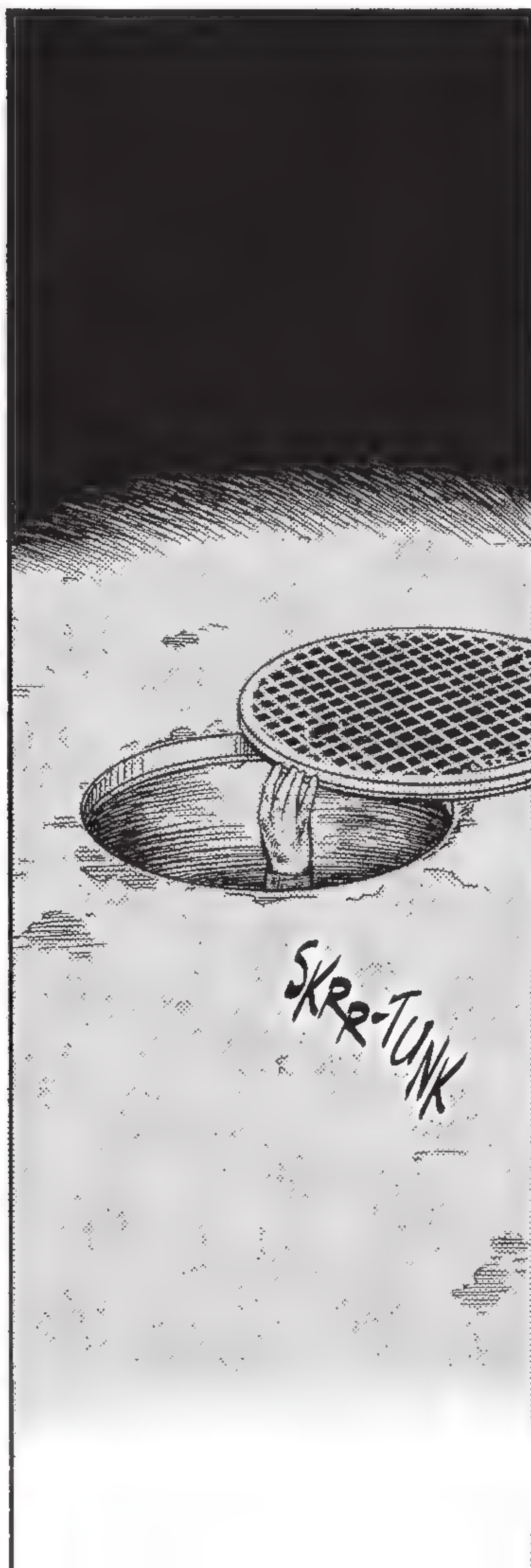
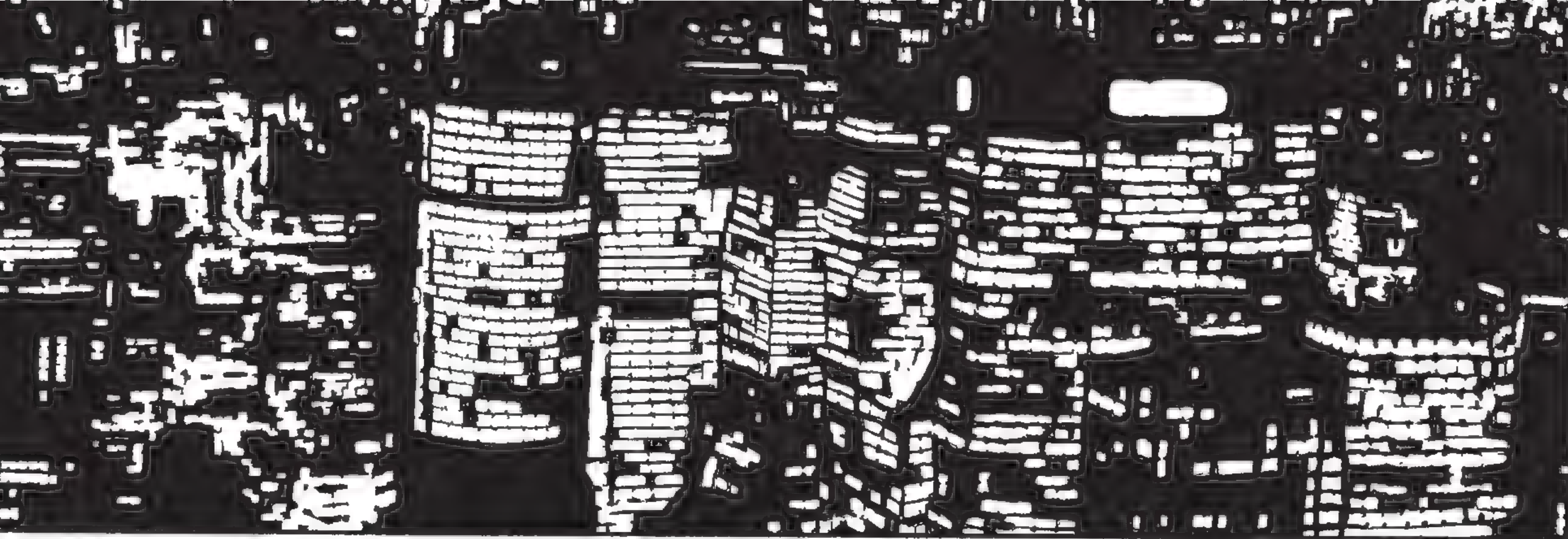
BUT --!!

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THEM!







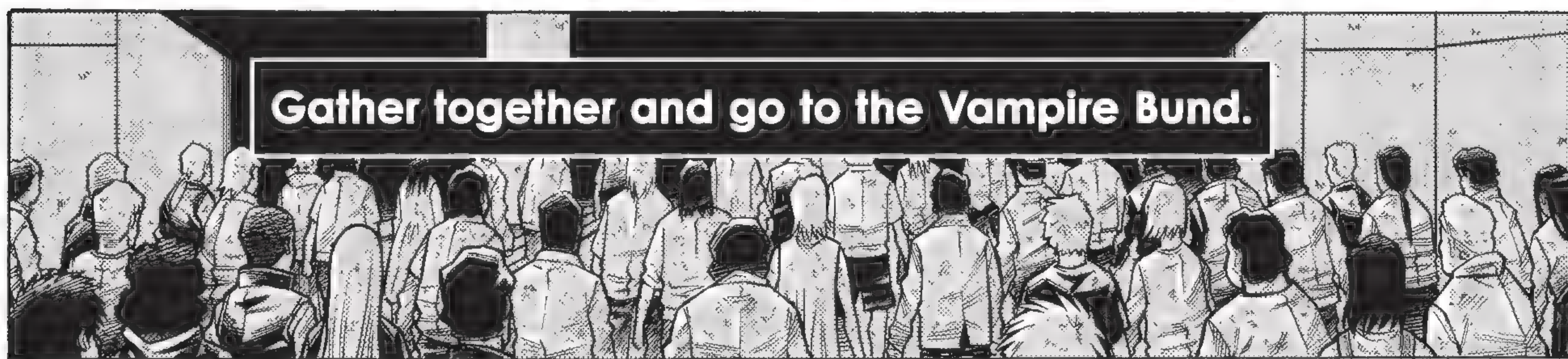




To all of Li's loyal servants beneath the city...



You are ordered to come out of hiding, immediately.



Gather together and go to the Vampire Bund.



To the Vampire Bund...

For the glory of Clan Li!



LET US
RETURN
AS
WELL.



THEY'RE
ALL
HEADED
TO THE
BLIND.

WELL,
THAT DOES IT.
THEY'VE
CONFIRMED
THAT MASS
NUMBERS OF
VAMPIRES
HAVE
STARTED TO
MOVE.



.....



SO
THAT'S
IT.
IT'S ALL
OVER...

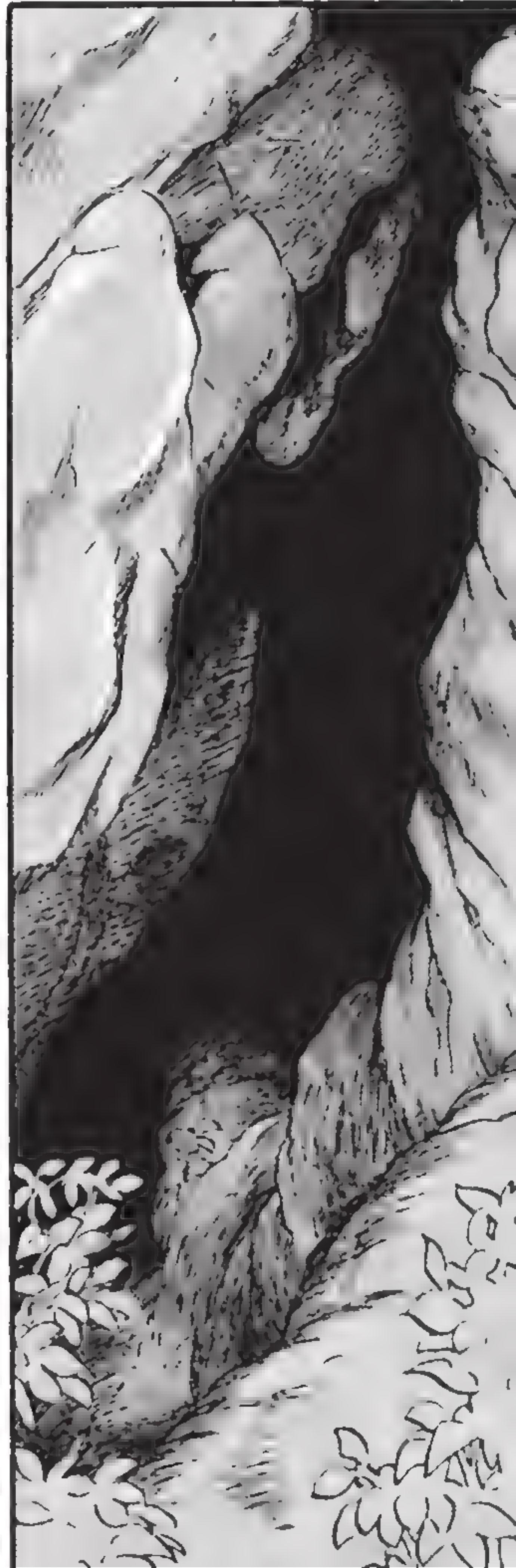
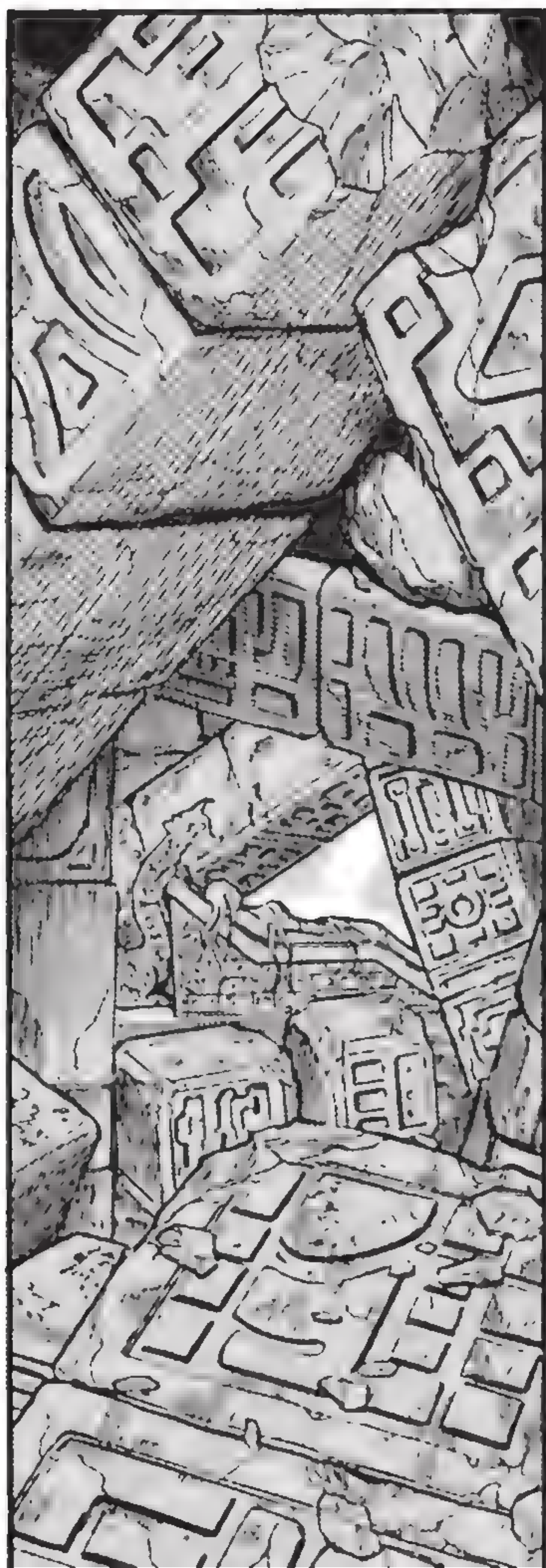
I
GUESS.

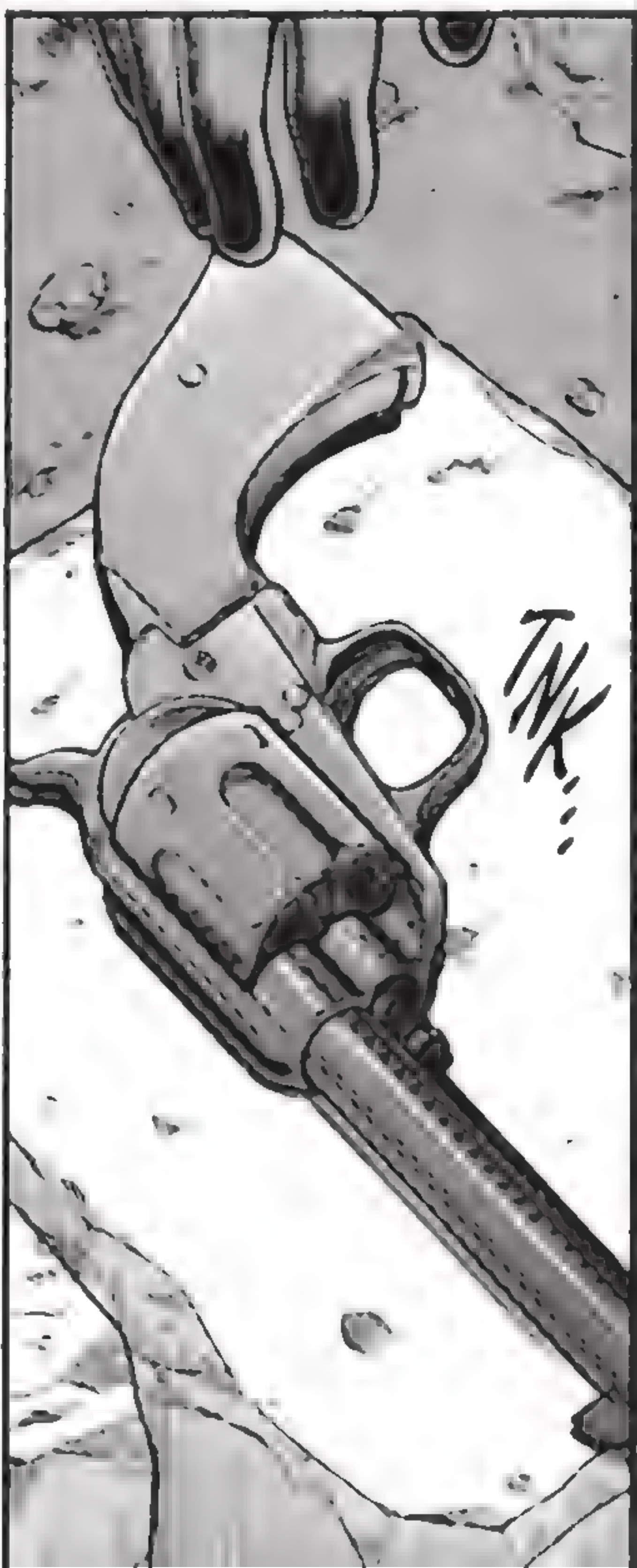


TO OUR
HOME...

WHERE
EVERYONE
WE LOVE
AWAITS
US.

—MEANWHILE, IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE OF SOUTH AMERICA—







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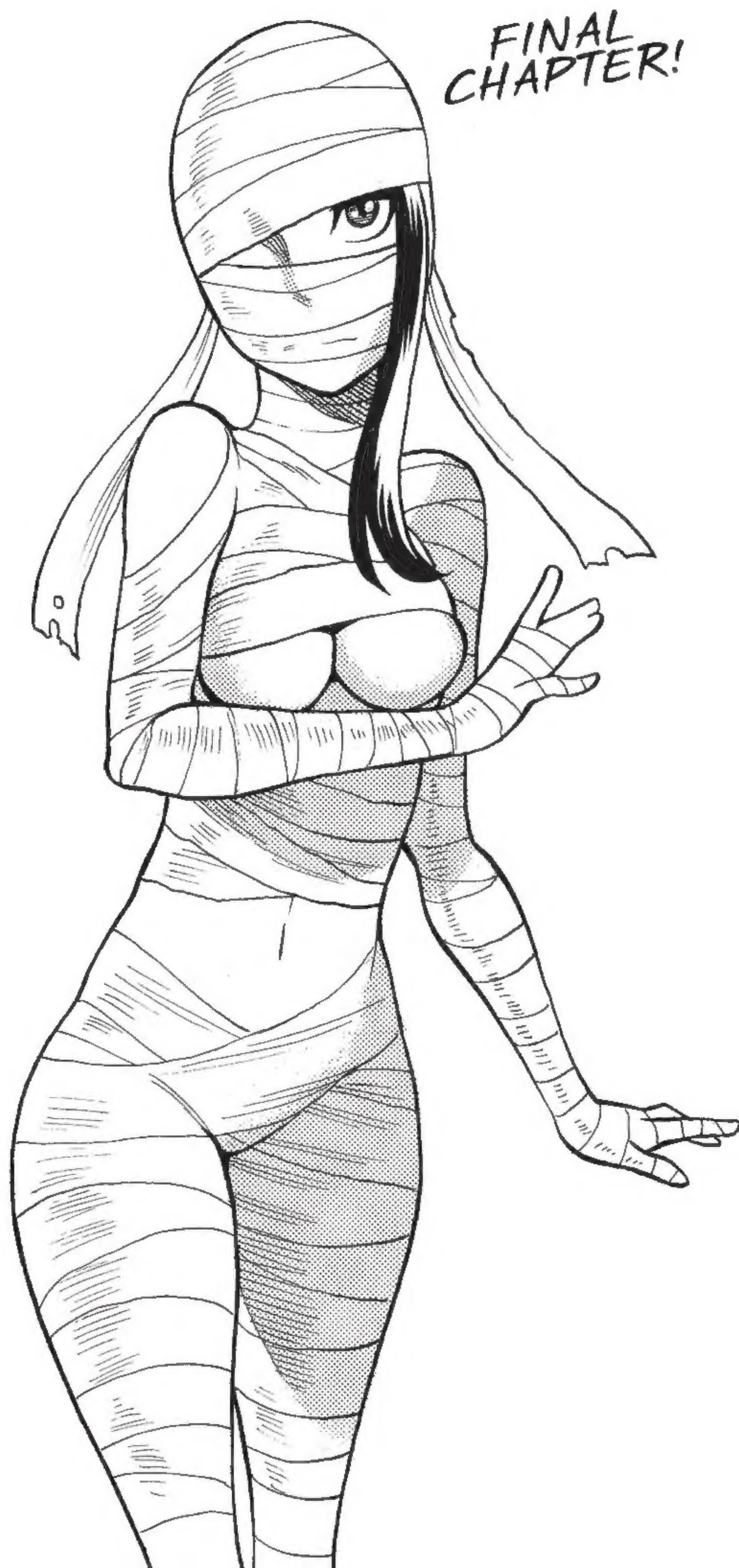
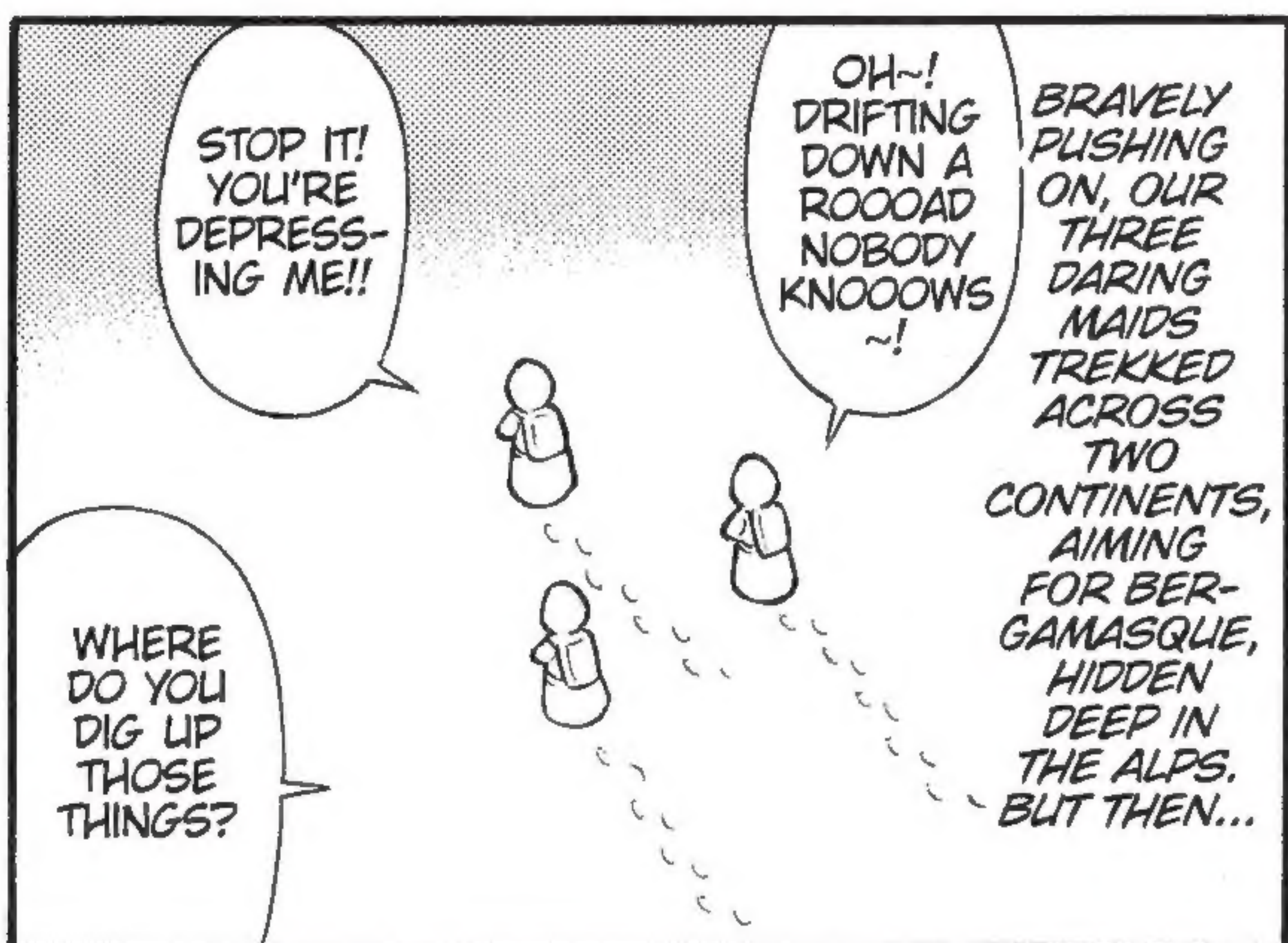
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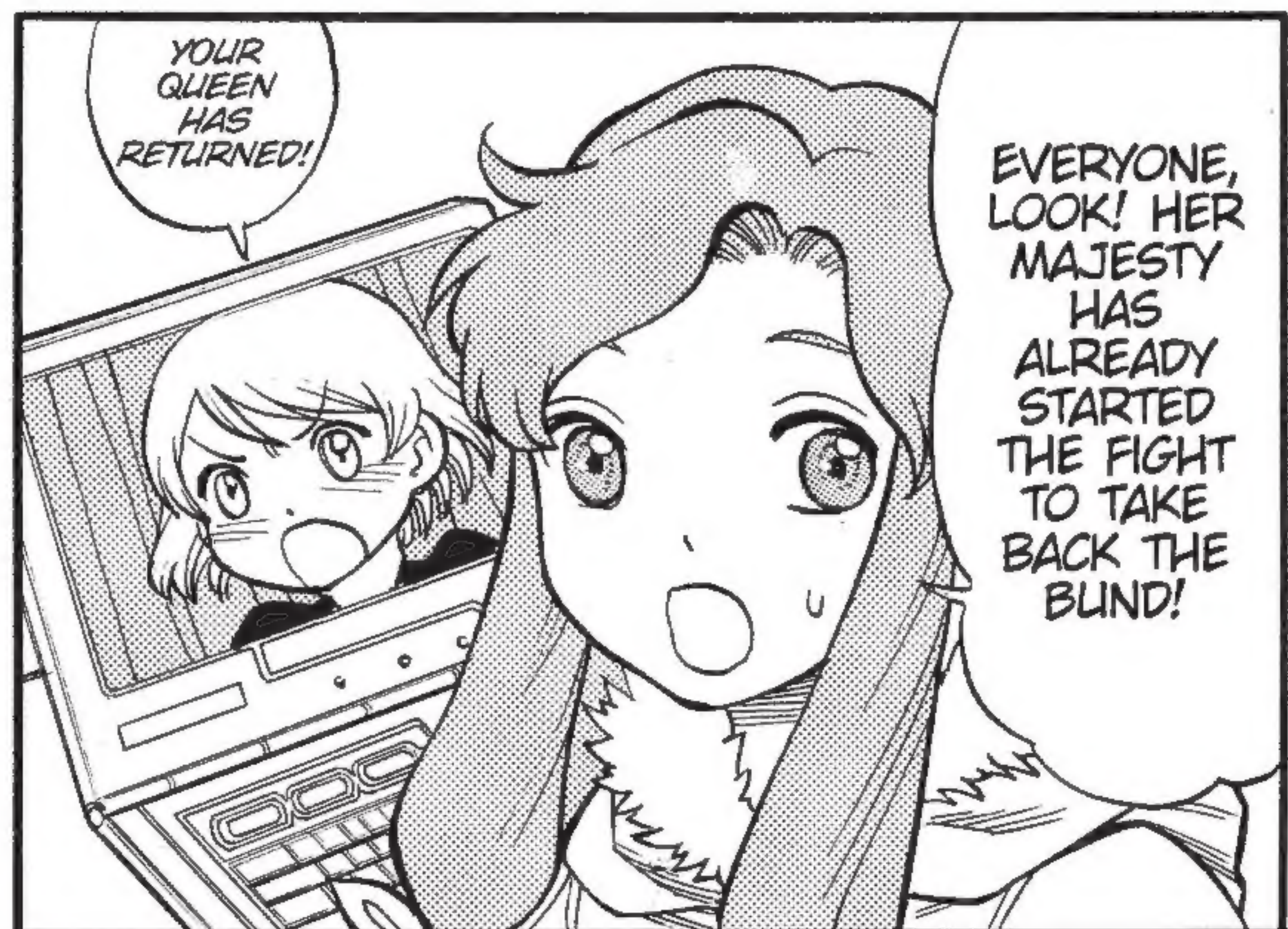
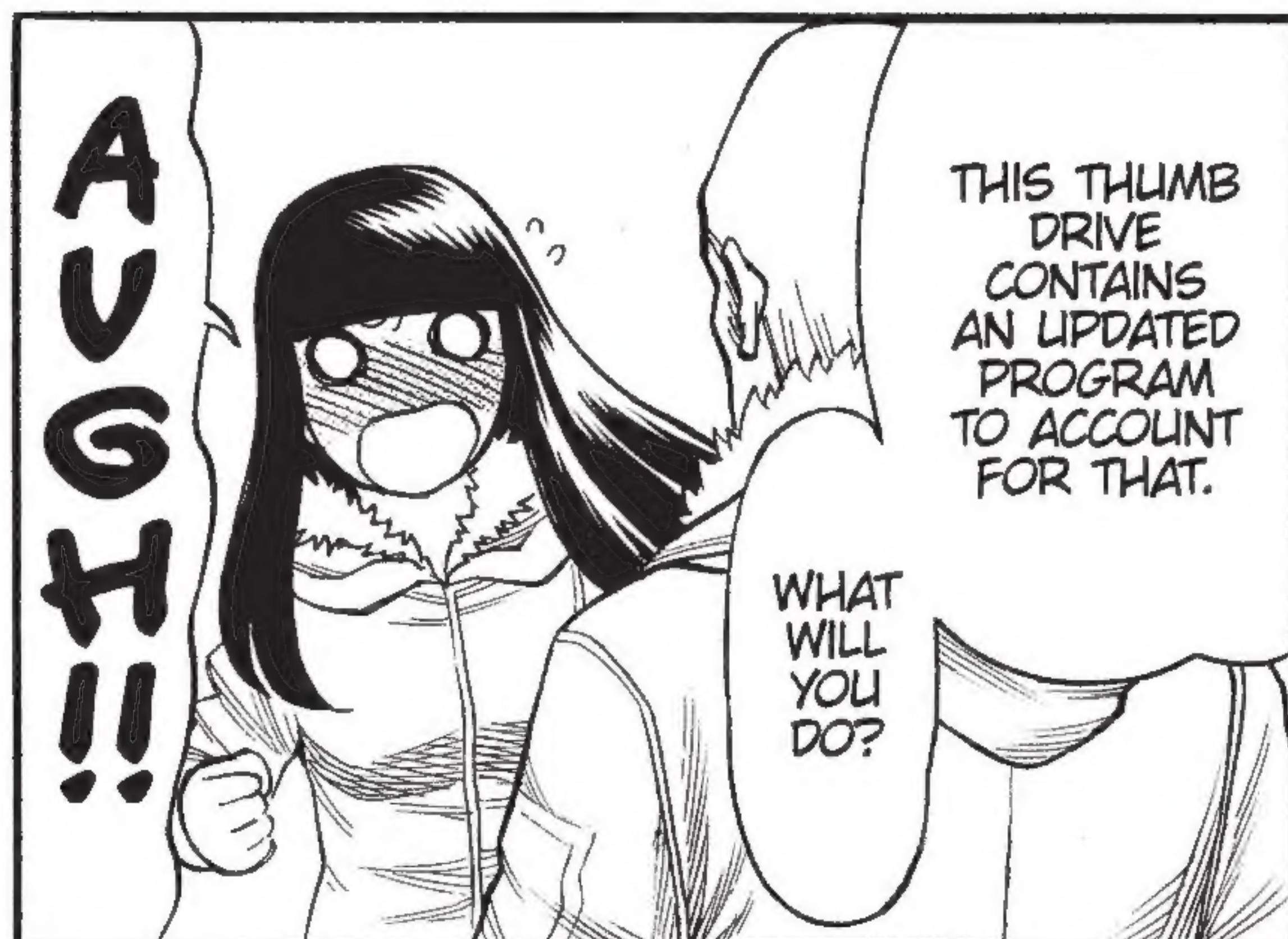
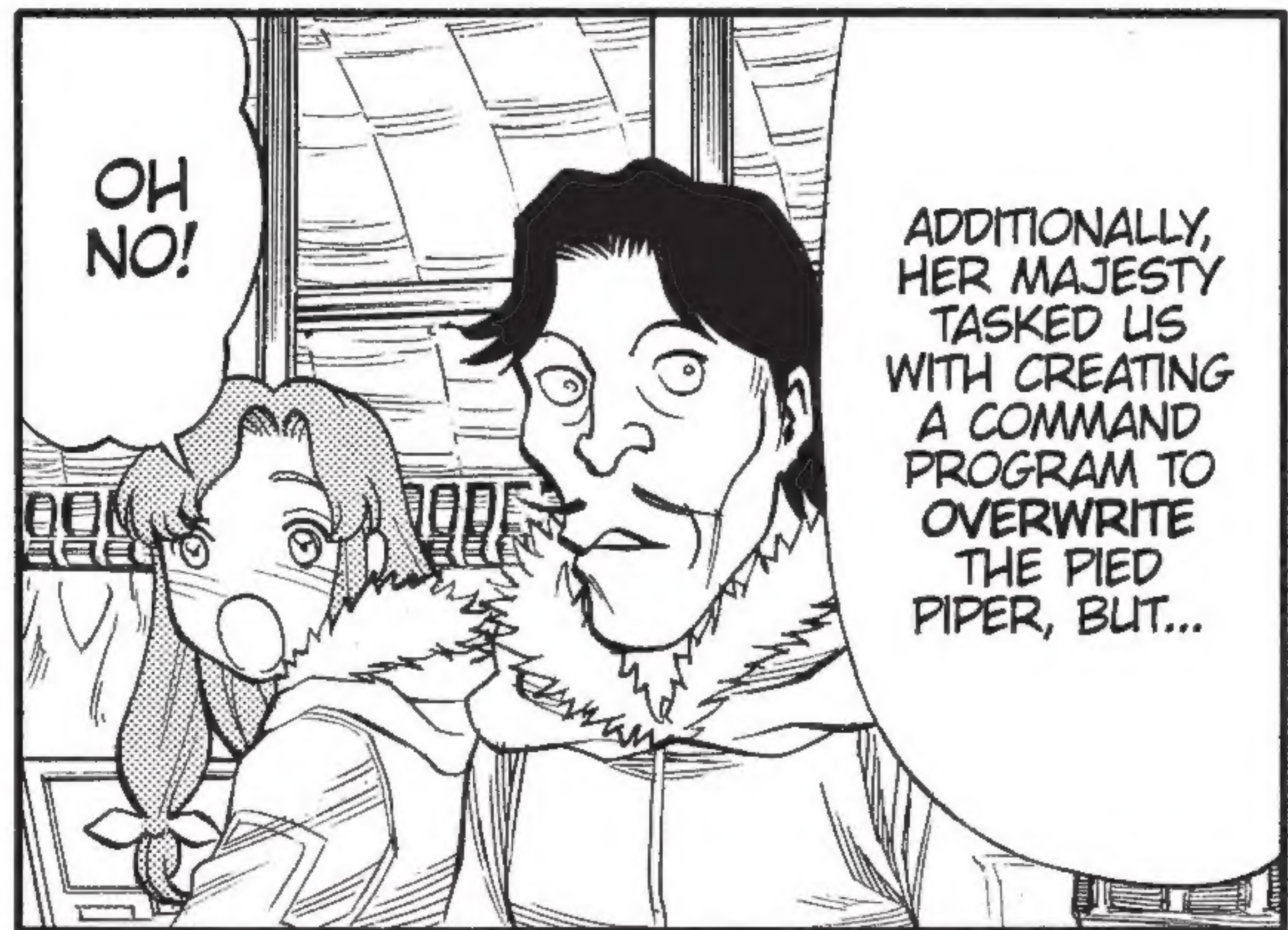
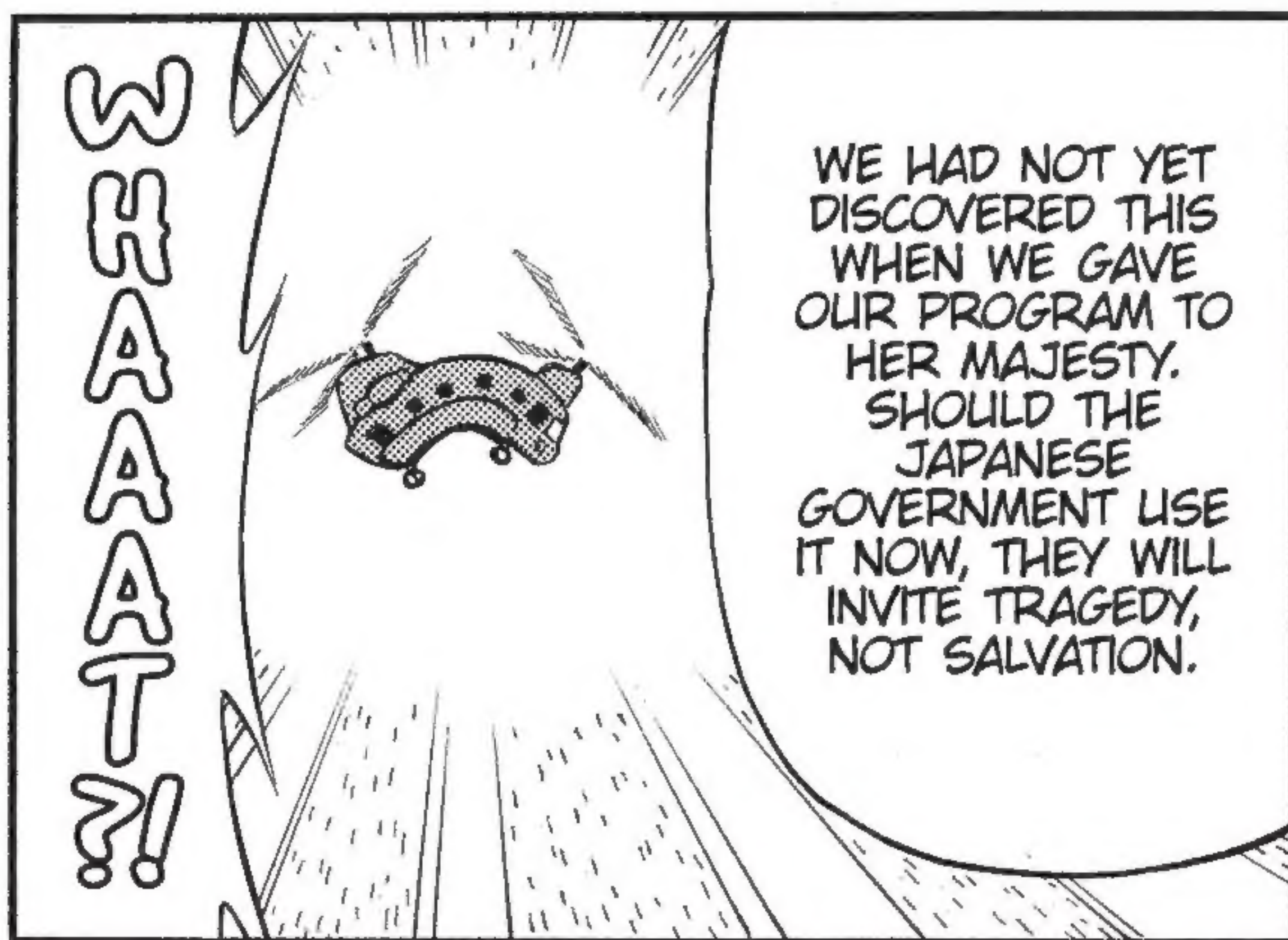
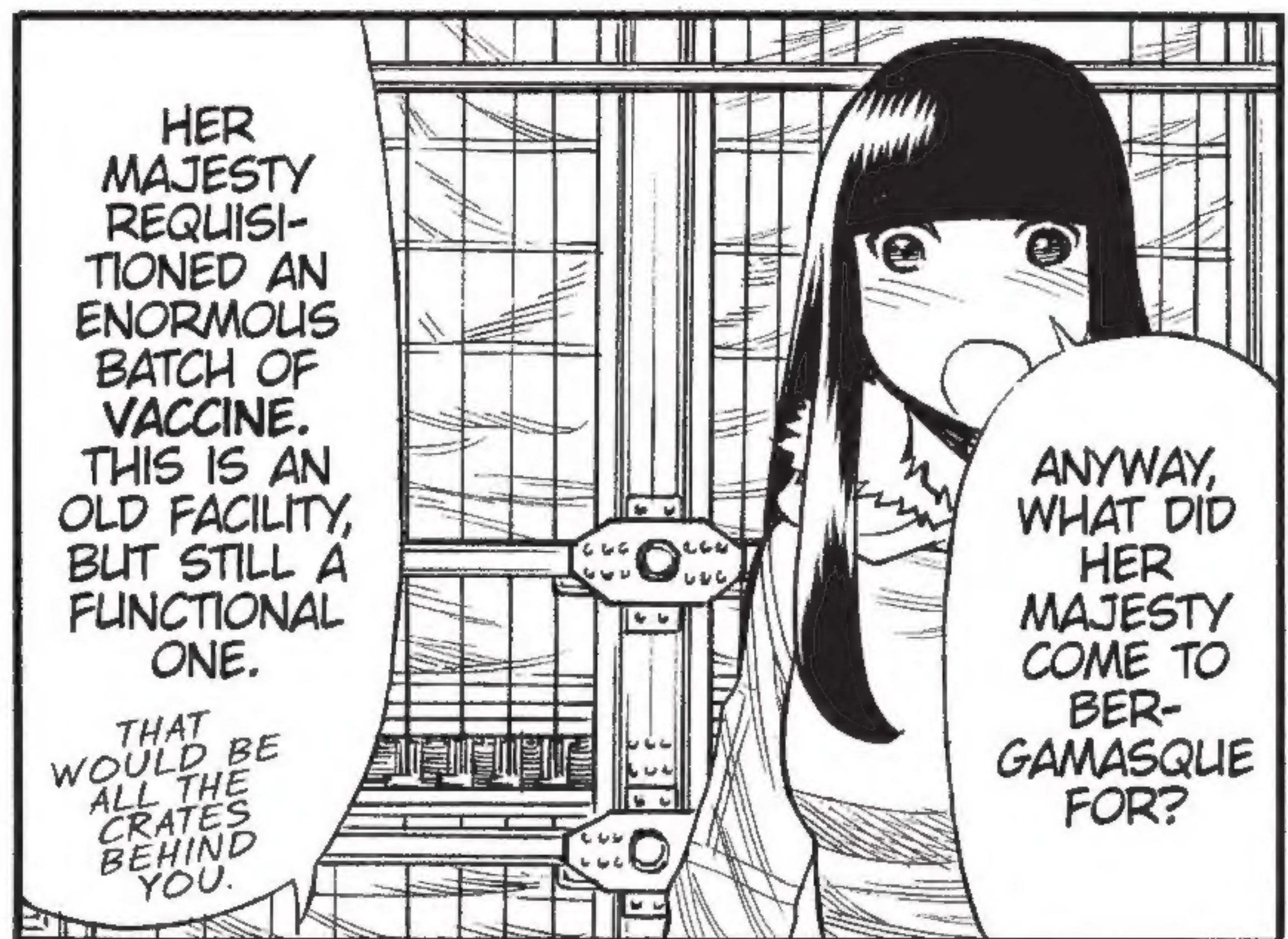
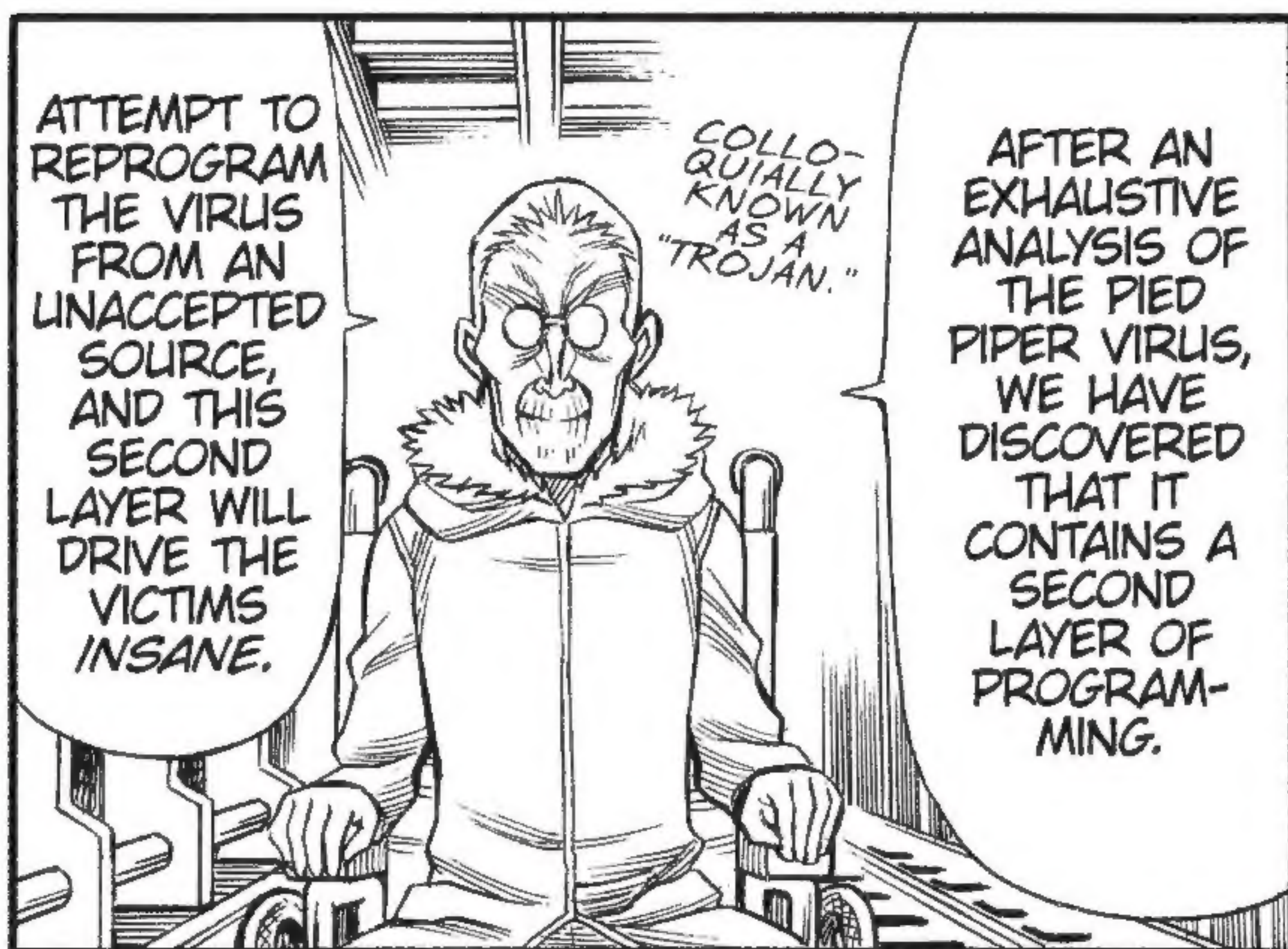
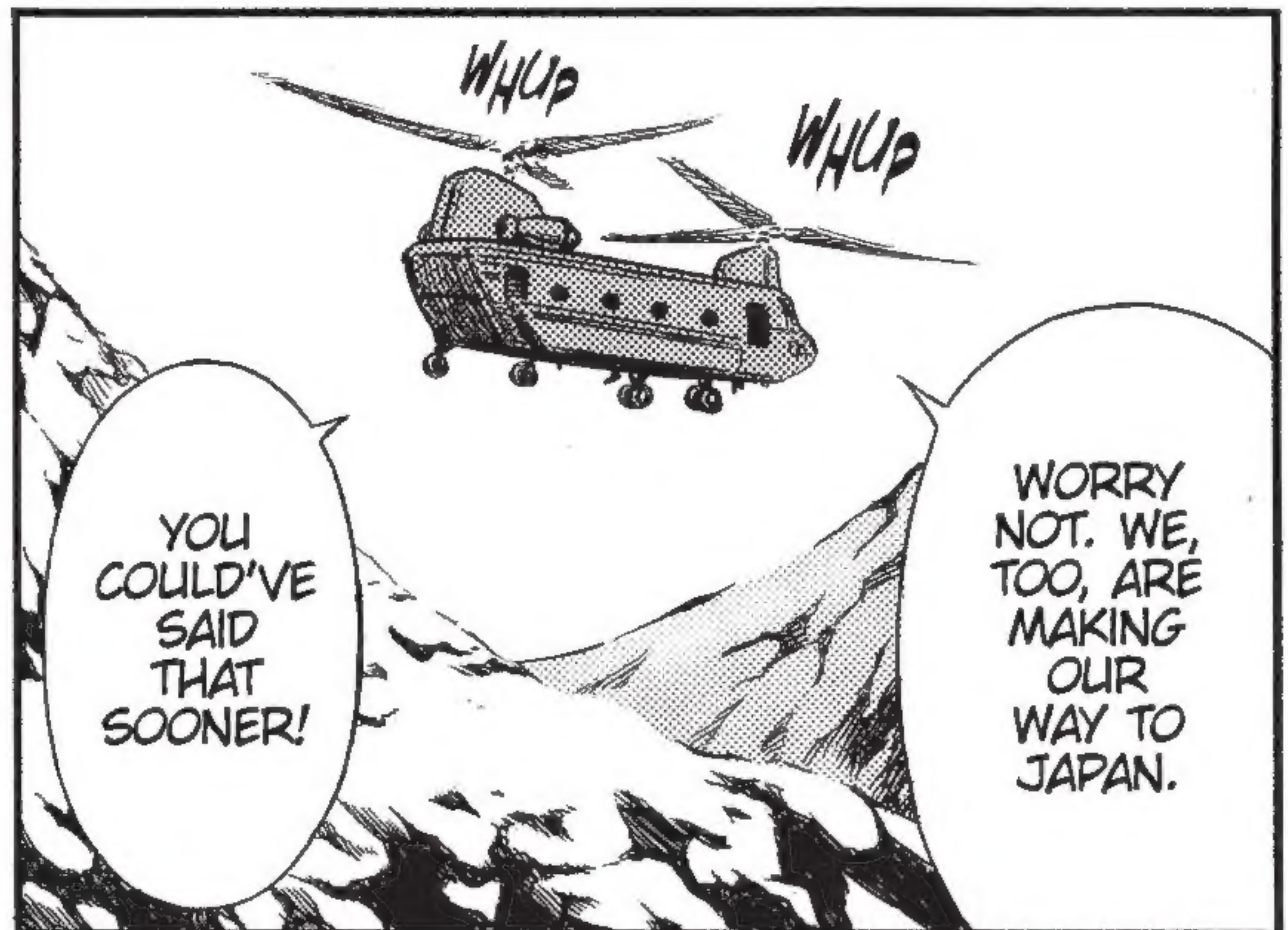
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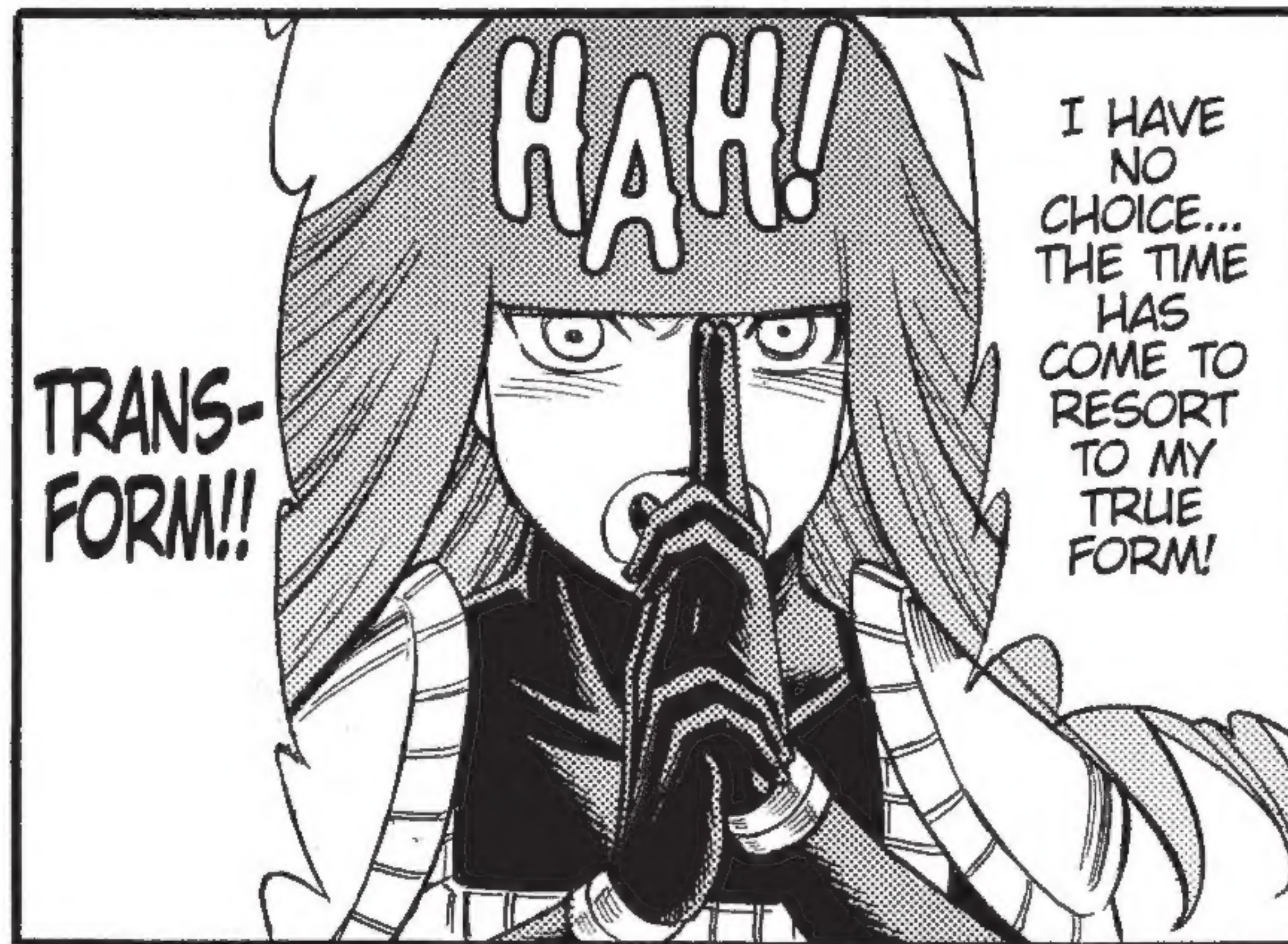
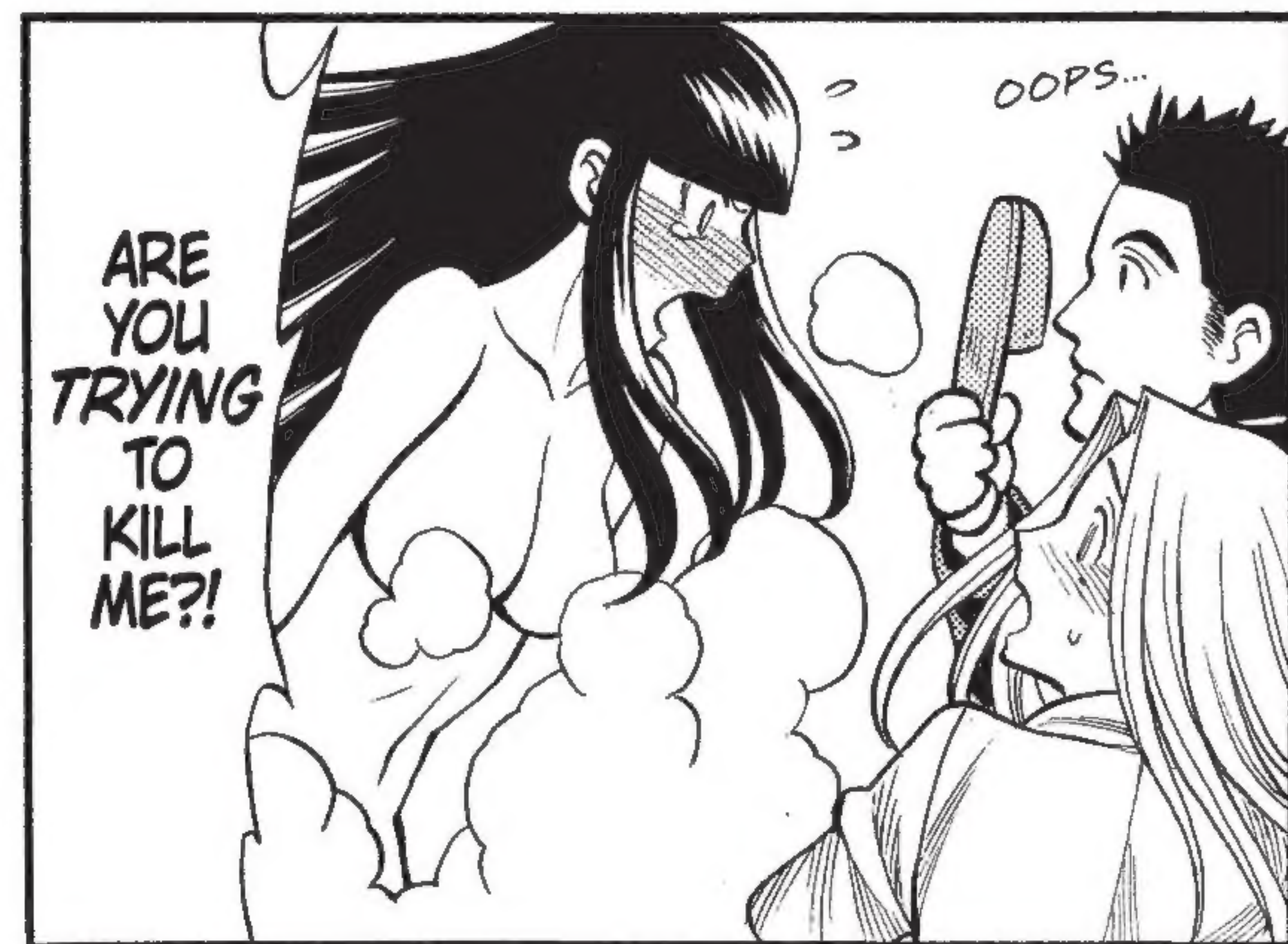
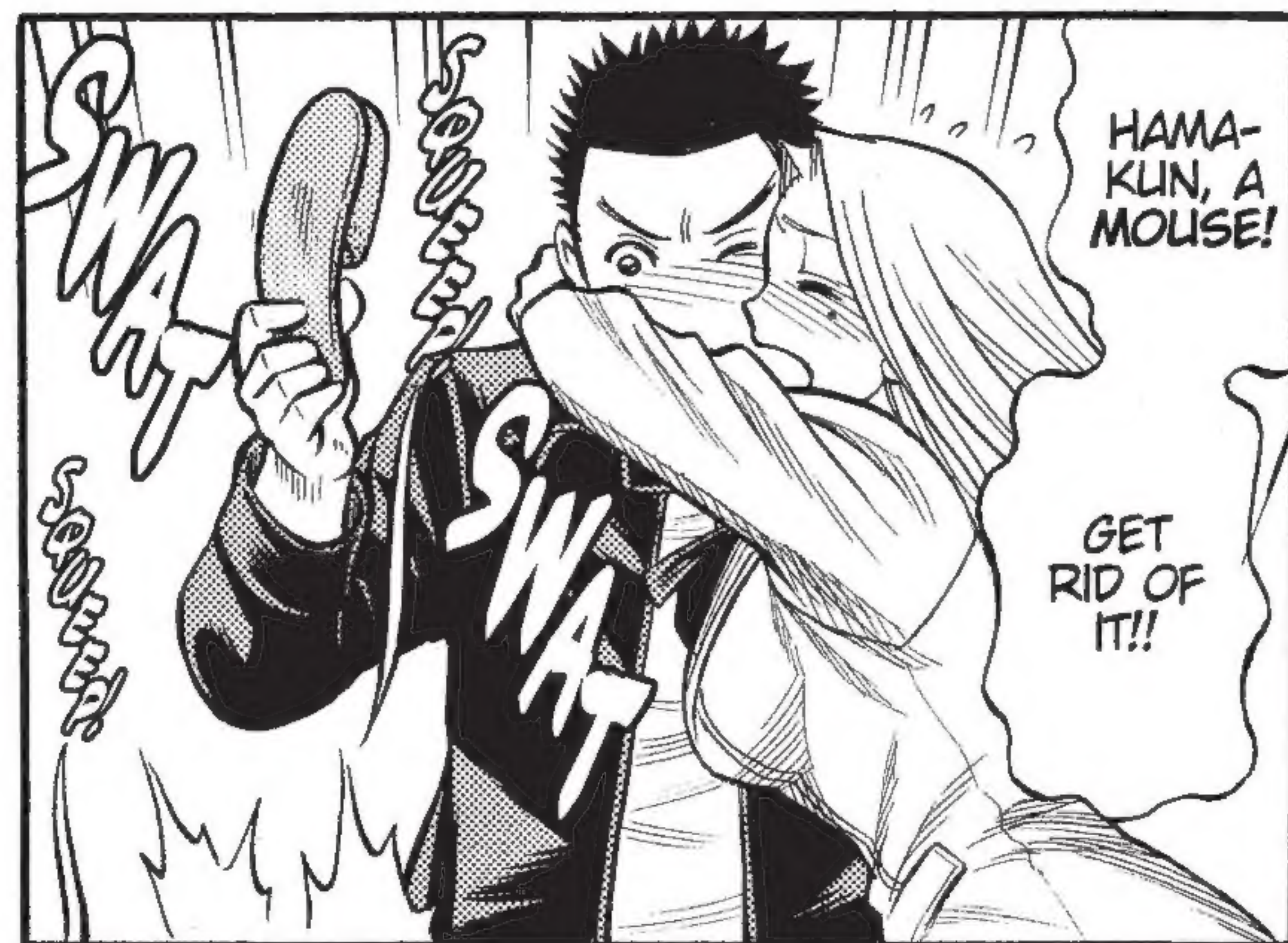
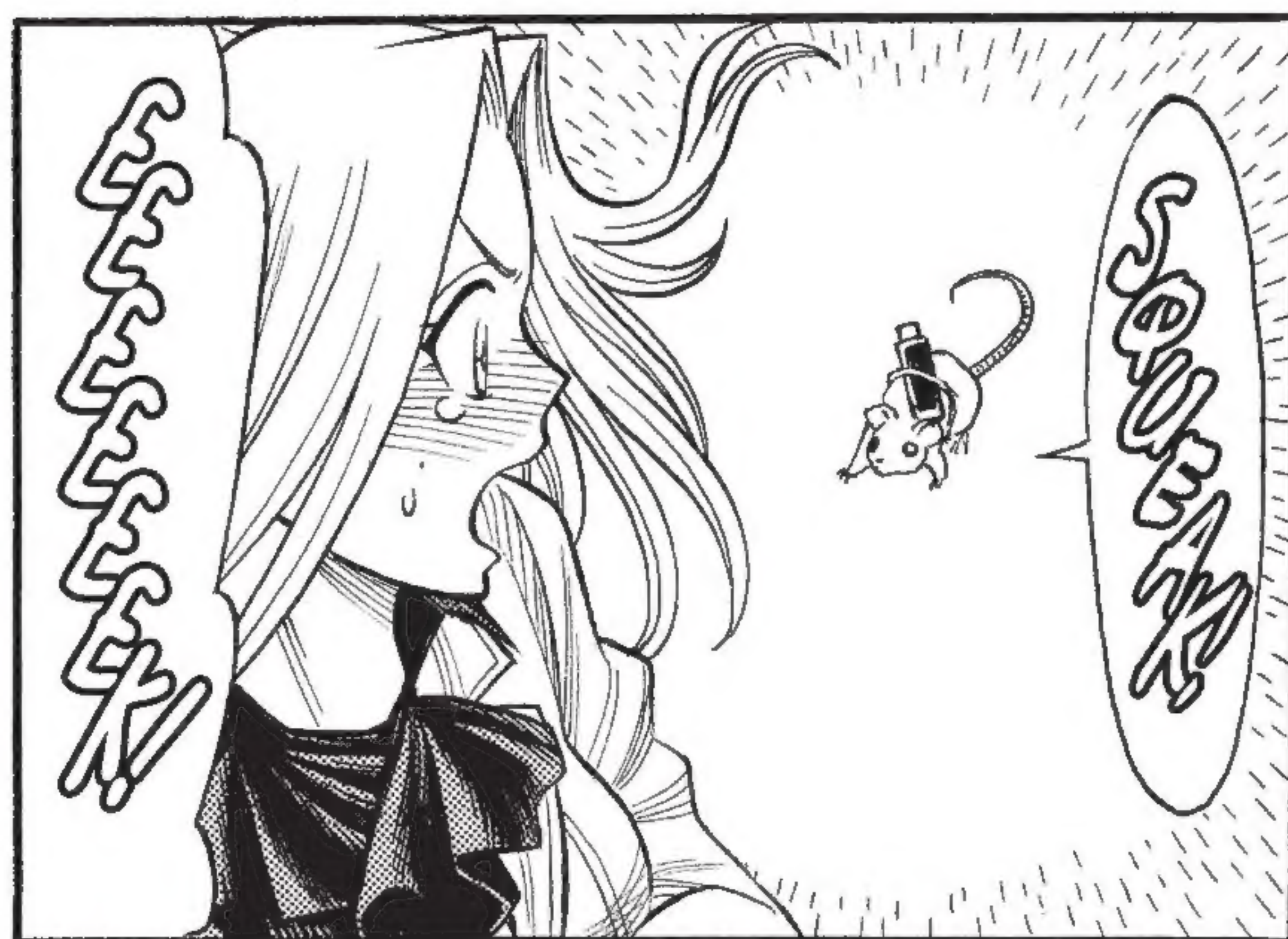
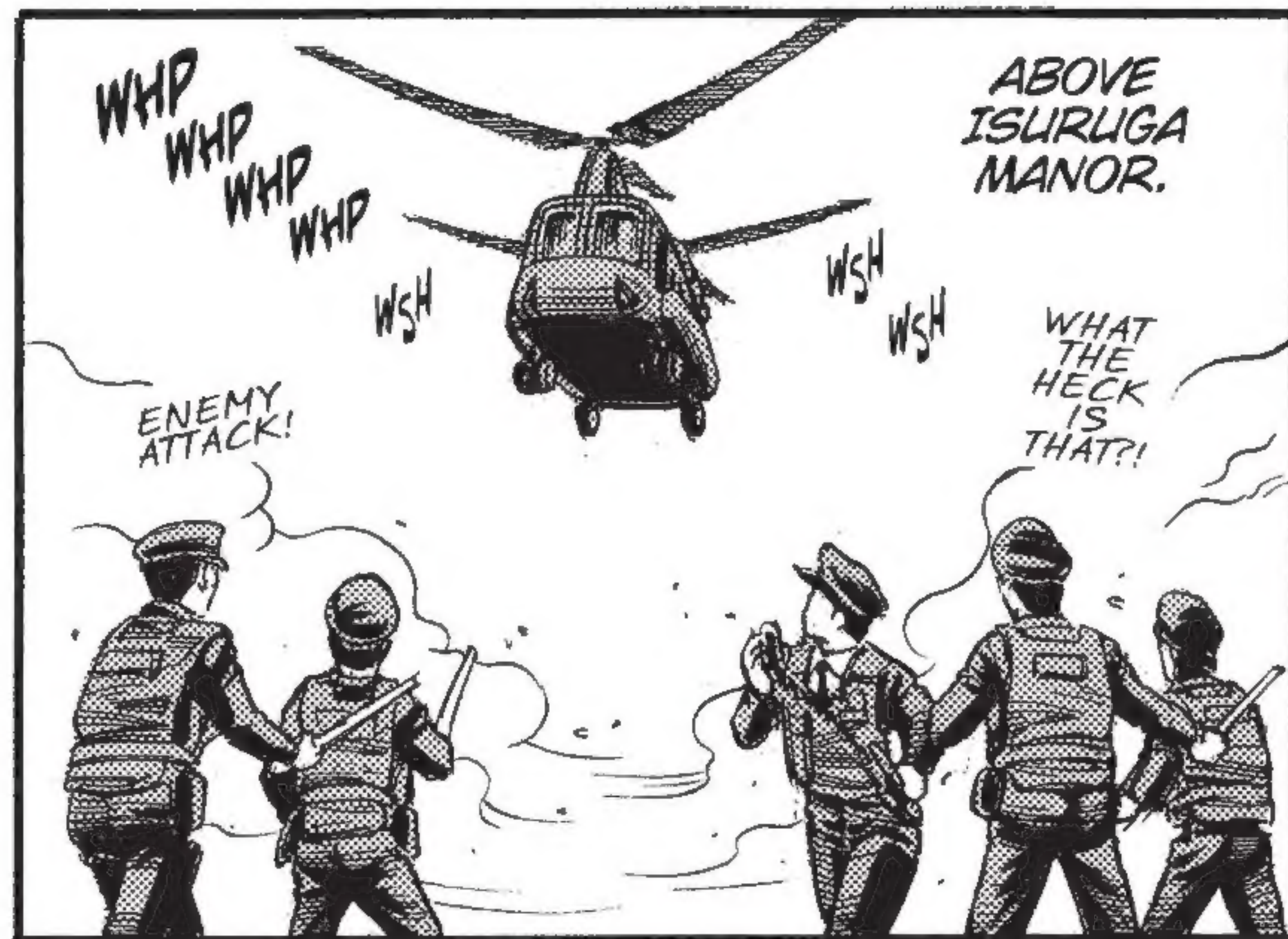
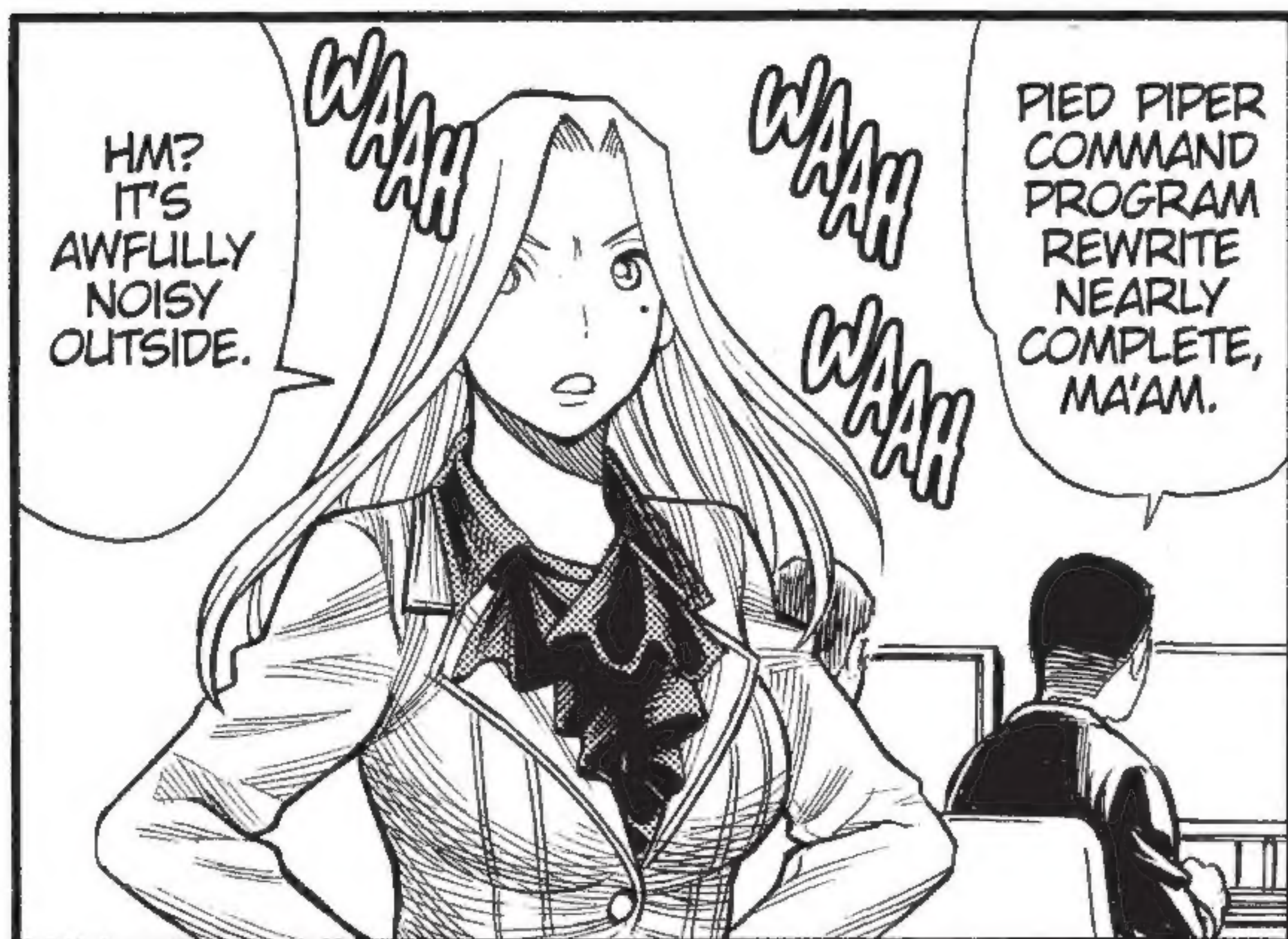
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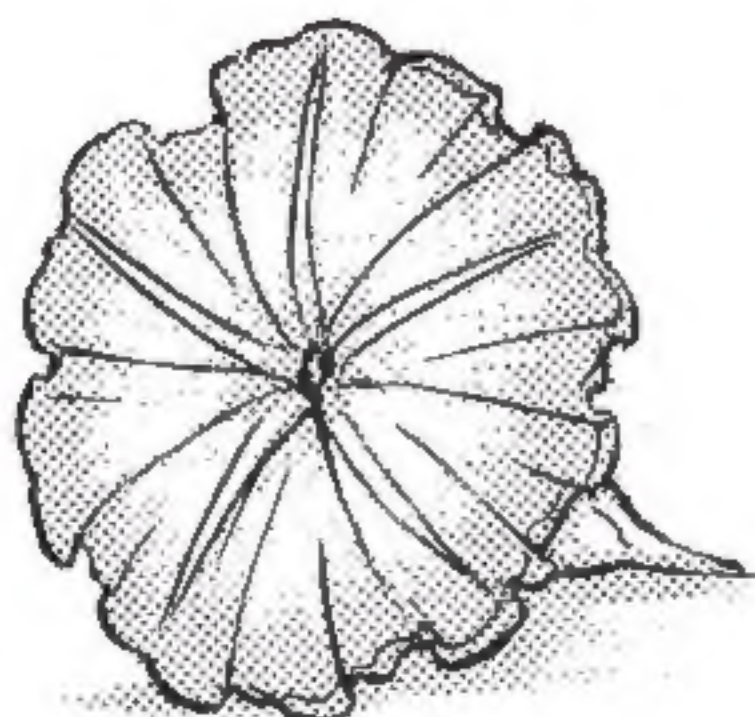
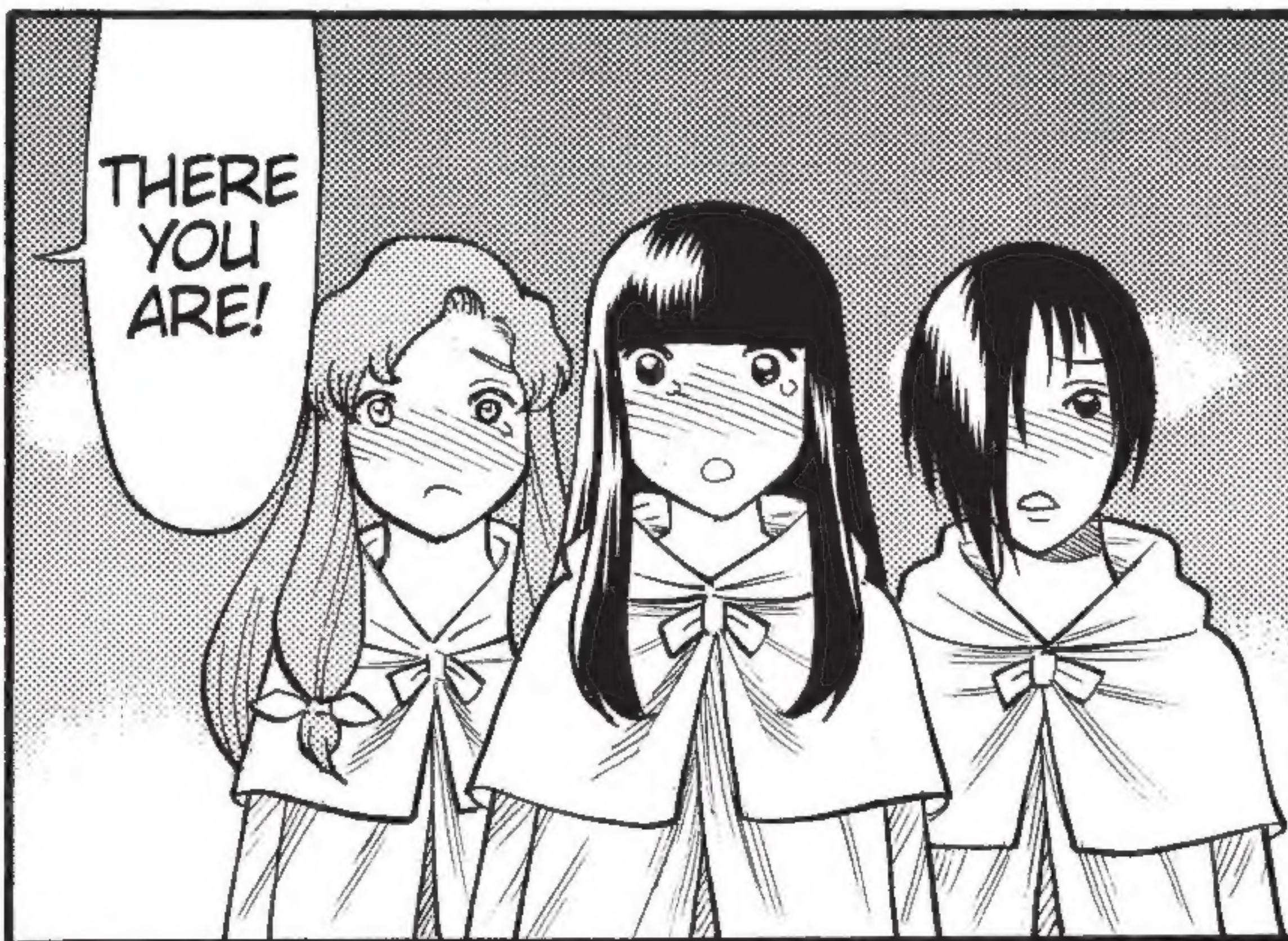
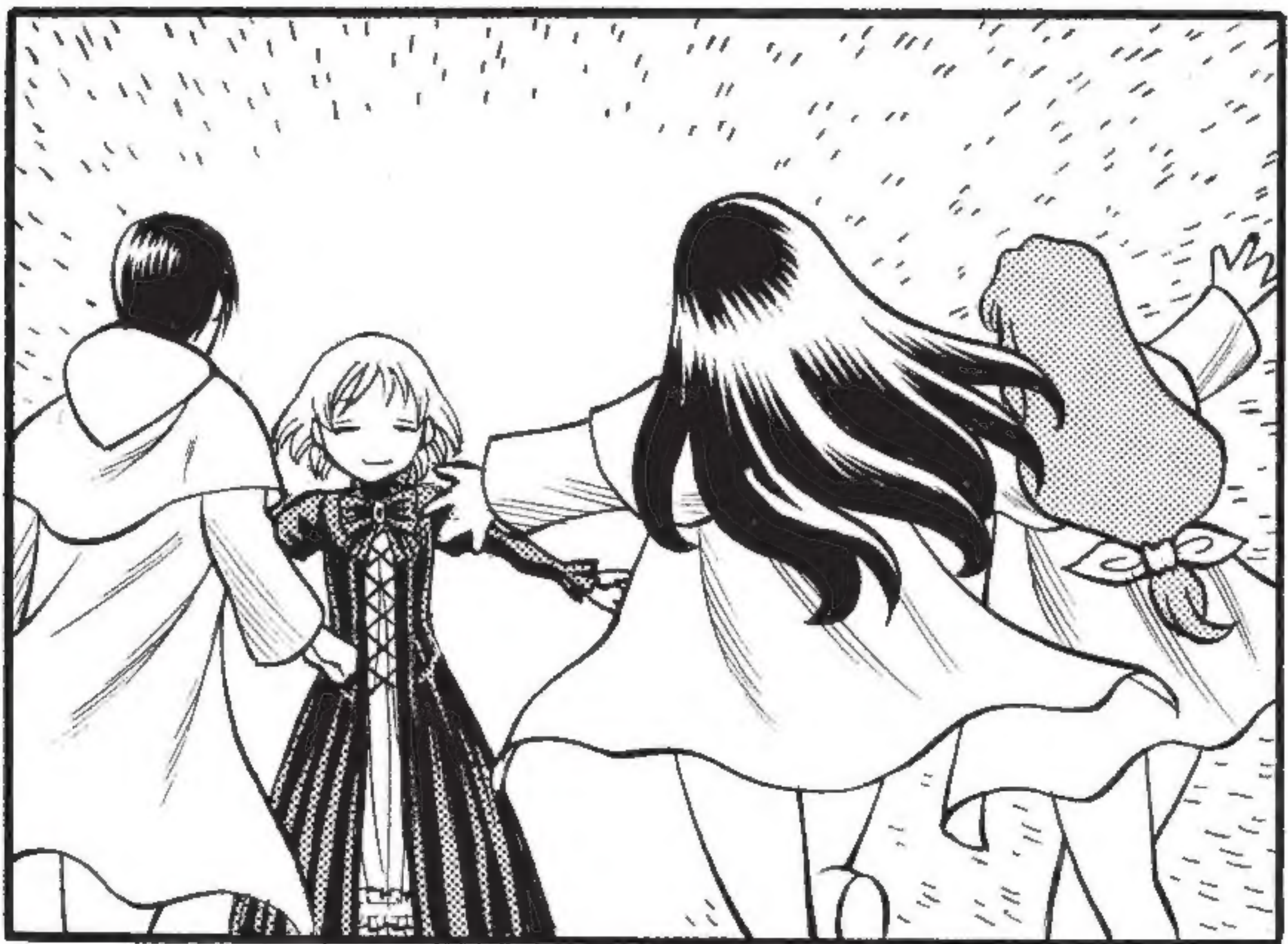
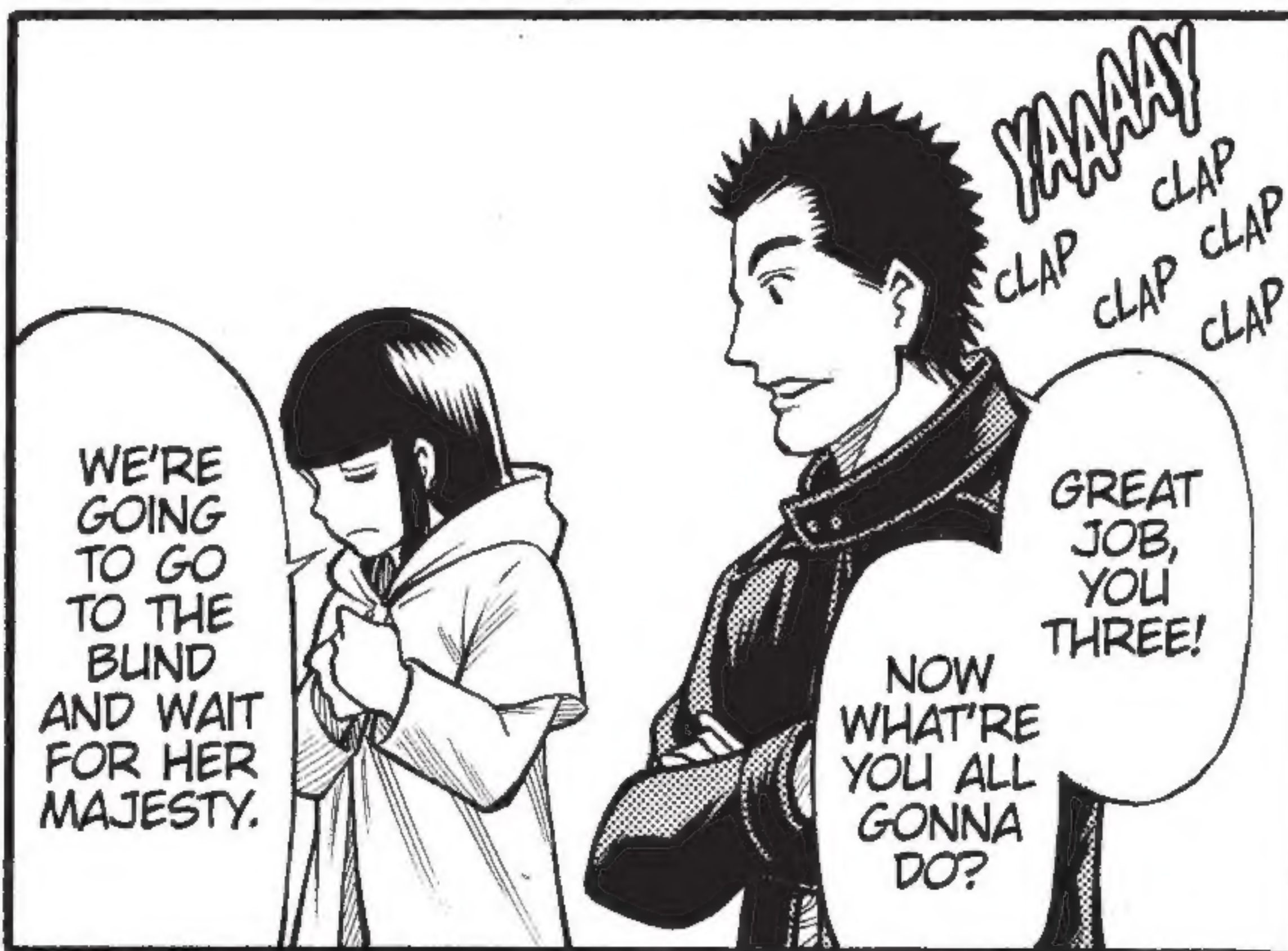
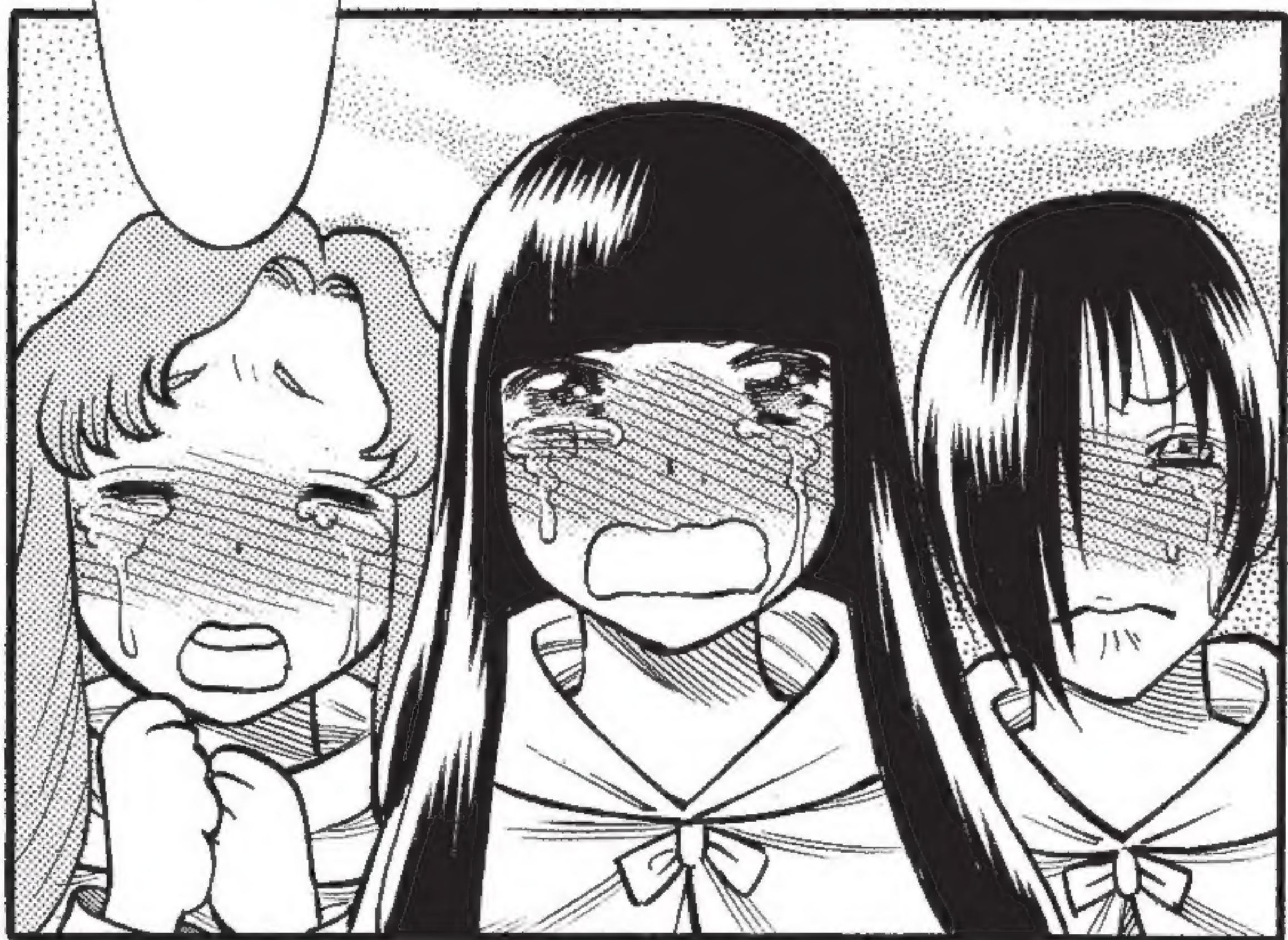
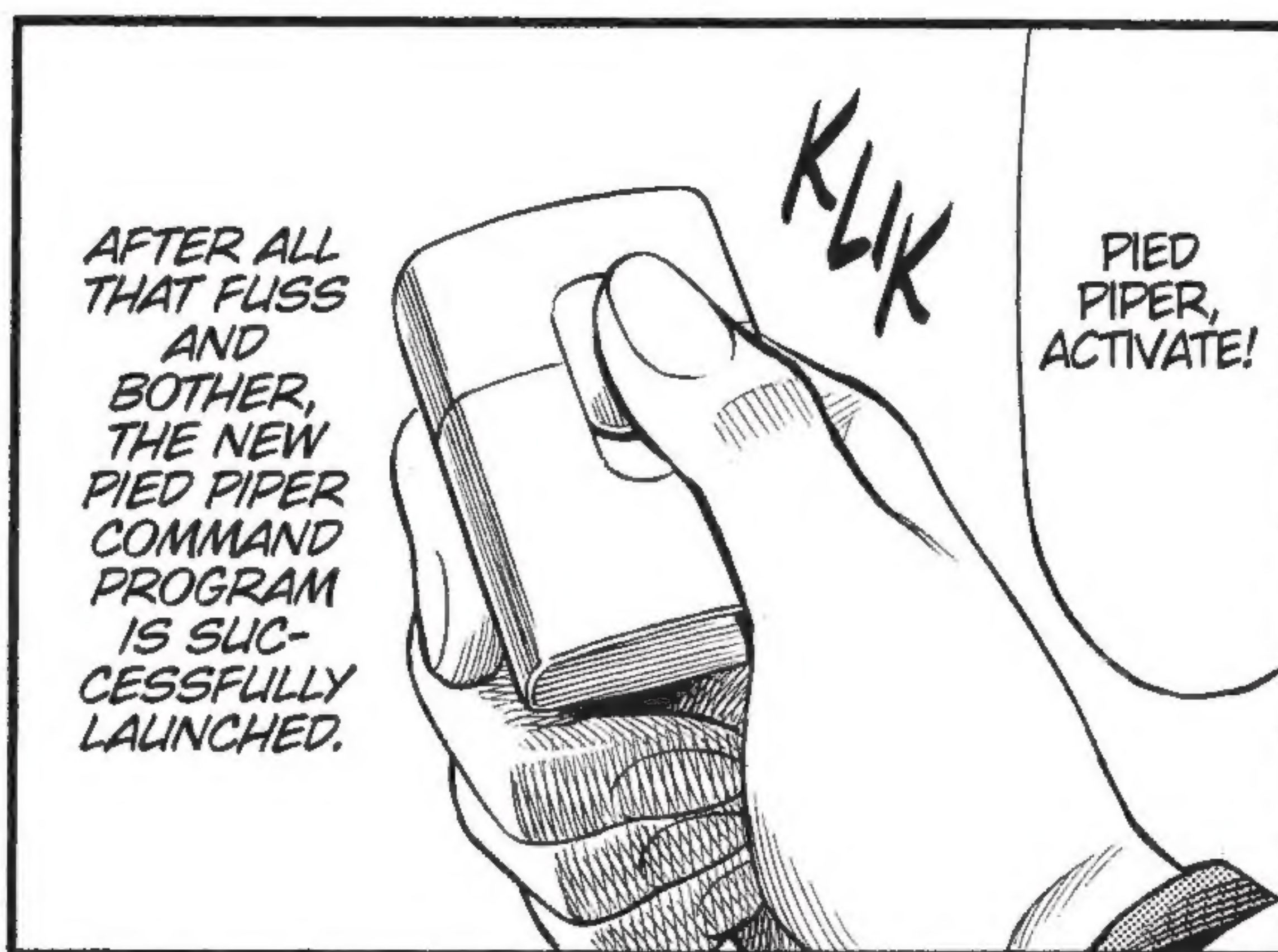
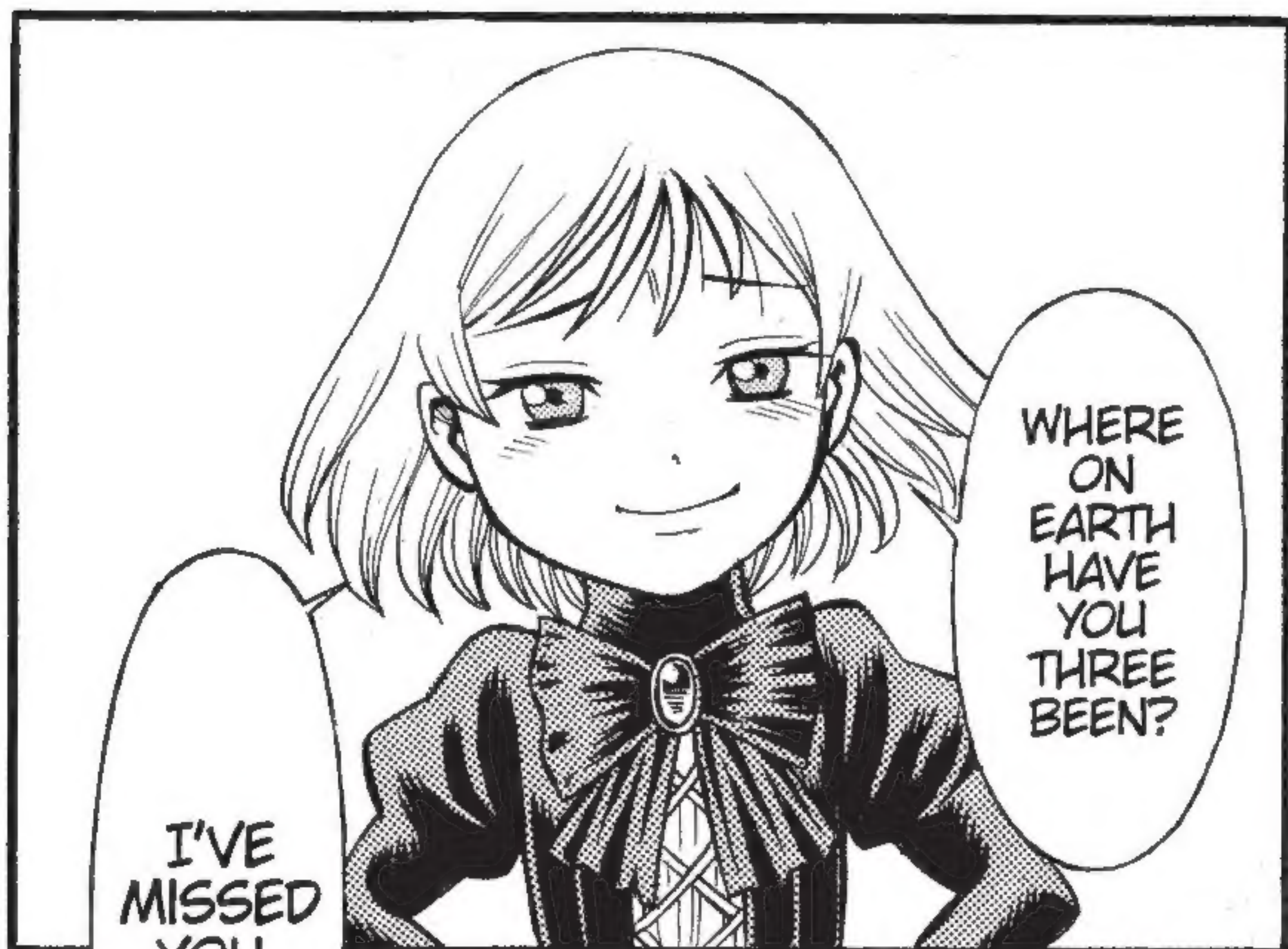


DANCE with the VAMPIRE MAID









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